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Passenger body found in Chuuk lagoon after crash

By ROD McGUIRK
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CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—A passenger's body has been found in the Pacific lagoon where a plane crash-landed last week near an island runway in Micronesia.

Air Niugini had initially said all 47 passengers and crew had survived when the Boeing 737 crashed near the Chuuk island runway on Friday.

The Papua New Guinea national carrier said on Saturday one passenger had not been accounted for but was witnessed reaching a rescue dinghy as U.S. Navy sailors and locals helped people escape the sinking plane.

But Air Niugini chief executive Tahawar Durrani said the man's body was found by divers Monday. The airline said in a statement on Tuesday the man was Indonesian, but

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NMI minimum wage hits fed ceiling

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A snapshot of the CNMI based merely on its minimum wage paints a very different picture from just 11 years ago, in 2007, when the minimum wage was pegged at $3.05 an hour, making the CNMI a low-wage economy. That's no longer true.

Starting in 2007, staggered 50-cent increases across many years to allow CNMI businesses time to absorb the impact eventually brought the CNMI's minimum wage to the fed-

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JON PEREZ

Retired Capt. James Burke, left, and his wife Apple inside the store that they own and operate in San Jose.

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Julita Villagomez checks the polling place at the CEC office in Susupe yesterday as early voting for Northern Islands commenced last Saturday.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Early voting nets many NI voters

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Many Northern Islands' voters who live on Saipan took advantage of early voting for the Nov. 6 general election last Saturday, trooping to the Commonwealth Election Commission office in Susupe.

CEC executive director Julita Villagomez disclosed in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that early voting for the Northern Islands was very brisk only during

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FUTURE OF CNMI WORKFORCE

Today's young are tomorrow's workers

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Editor's Note: The following is part of a series that examines what is being done today to prepare for the end of the foreign workers program in 2029.

First part of a series

The CNMI Department of Labor is eyeing students as young as 10 years old to have the skills that will make them ready and prepared for the work environment of the CNMI 10 years down the road.

Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente said that students today need to be ready to meet specific employer needs in the future.

She said her department is working closely with the Public School System and private schools to

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Local

NMI awarded $1.25M for energy efficiency projects

The Office of Insular Affairs has awarded the Commonwealth a total of $1.25 million in fiscal year 2018 grant funding through OIA's Energizing Insular Communities program for three high priority energy projects.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres announced the grant award yesterday. "As a Commonwealth, we have been taking proactive steps to become more environmentally sustainable.

Torres thanked DOI Assistant Secretary Doug Domenech and OIA Director Nik Pula for approving these grant applications.

"These three initiatives all tackle energy efficiency initiatives that address key areas of infrastructure and ecosystem protection…Ultimately, these projects are part of the overall energy strategy of reducing the cost of electricity and reducing dependence on foreign fuels," Torres said.

He commended the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth Utilities Corp., Department of Lands and Natural Resources, and the Office of Grants Management teams for their work and coordination on these competitive grant applications.

Of the money going to the CNMI, $847,737 is awarded to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for the LED Streetlight Efficiency Project.

"This is wonderful news for [CUC] and to the CNMI in general. It is this type of support and collaboration that creates a better community for our citizens. …CUC plans to replace all 4,941 obsolete LED and HPS street lights that exist in its grid with more energy-efficient LED streetlight fixtures. This can save up to 50 to 80 percent of power being drawn from the grid and used to supply power to existing led and HPS streetlights," CUC executive director Gary Camacho said.

A total of $283,735 is awarded to the Department of Public Works' Division of Solid Waste Management for the Pyrolysis Pilot Program.

According to Public Works Secretary James A. Ada, the Pyrolysis Pilot Program will focus on reducing and recycling waste plastic within the CNMI.

"Rather than being brought to the Marpi Landfill, plastics would be diverted to the DPW-SWM's recycling center to be converted to usable oil. The by-product from this machine will be used for power generation at the recycling center. One of the goals of this initiative is also to be able to deploy SWM staff to collect recycled waste plastic from local residences. Through this, it will also allow citizens of the island to conserve fuel as they would not need to transport recycled plastics to the SWM center. Not only will this process lessen dependence on foreign fuels by both SWM and the residents of the CNMI, it will also reduce the carbon and plastic footprints," Ada said.

A total of $118,528 s awarded to the Department of Lands and Natural Resources for the standalone photovoltaic light systems for coconut rhinoceros beetle detection, eradication, and bio-control program.

"This project will help in keeping our management of the CRB invasive species epidemic energy efficient and ultimately fully eradicated on Rota. Invasive species pose a huge threat to our islands, and we remind our community to be vigilant about the coconut rhino beetles and their potential to affect our island's agriculture and resources. We join Gov. Torres in commending our personnel at the frontline of the eradication. We are hopeful we can eliminate CRBs completely and prevent spread to any other islands," said Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Anthony T. Benavente. ***(PR)***

Two awareness events in October

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The month of October has been dedicated to raising awareness about breast cancer and fire prevention n the CNMI.

In a joint proclamation signing last Thursday that was attended by both the Department of Fire and Emergency Management Services and the Commonwealth Cancer Association, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres urged all women in the CNMI to visit the Commonwealth Health Center to discuss a preventive and screening program with their health provider and become aware if they are at risk of breast cancer.

Torres also said his administration would finalize plans to upgrade CHC's hospital equipment, especially its current mammogram machine in order to ensure breast cancer can be detected as early as possible.

According to CCA board president Bo Palacios, breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in the CNMI.

Although the association has been working on lowering the number of breast cancer cases in the CNMI, the number only continues to grow, which means that awareness is needed now more than ever.

Throughout the month of October, the CCA will be conducting various outreach events to spread breast cancer awareness. These include radio appearances, community outreach, and a breast cancer awareness walk that is open to the public.

The first week of October has also been dedicated to Fire Prevention Awareness. Week. The Department of Fire and Emergency Management Services will be doing outreaches to spread awareness about the importance of fire prevention.

The American Red Cross-NMI Chapter has also volunteered to install fire alarms in as many homes as possible on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

The chapter has already installed over 700 fire alarms in the CNMI since 2017 and aims to install more this year.

More prizes for beer festival cookoff

Saturday's Chun Ji BBQ Short Ribs Cookoff at the 2nd Annual Marianas Beer & BBQ Festival just got a lot juicier, with more prizes for the winners.

The cookoff at Garapan Fishing Base at 5pm will challenge six teams of one or two participants to prepare on site the best tasting and best plated short ribs, served with two side dishes.

First place will win $50 worth of festival tokens and two nights stay for four people and an additional pool pass for two at Mango Resort. Second place will win $40 worth of festival tokens and one night stay for four people and an additional pool pass for two at Mango Resort, and a beach chair and umbrella from IT&E. Third place will win $30 of festival tokens, a Blu Studio J2 cellphone, and a beach chair and umbrella from IT&E. The competition will be from 5m to 6pm, with contestants providing their own grill, charcoal, ingredients, and other necessities. Short ribs will be provided by title sponsor Chun Ji Korean BBQ Restaurant.

The Beer-lympics from 8pm to 9pm will welcome up to 10 teams of four participants each that will compete in a series of obstacles or stages. Prizes will be $200 worth of festival tokens first place, $150 worth of festival tokens for second place, and $100 of festival tokens for third place. Winners in both competitions will also receive giveaways from the MVA.

"The Marianas Beer & BBQ festival will be open for an exciting six hours from 5pm to 11pm and is free and open to all ages," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "There will be non-alcoholic drinks available, but patrons wishing to consume alcohol must be over 21 and must purchase one of our packages. We invite those interested to purchase their packages before Saturday here at the MVA office in San Jose so they can start enjoying the festival without delay when they arrive on Saturday."

The $25 package includes two 12 oz. servings of beer or wine; two 4 oz. samples of beer or wine; one chaser, and an official Marianas Beer & BBQ Festival collectible beer glass. The $50 package includes four 12 oz. servings of beer or wine; two 4 oz. samples of beer or wine; two chasers, an official Marianas Beer & BBQ Festival collectible beer glass, and an official Marianas Beer & BBQ Festival t-shirt.

All alcohol must be served in the official 2018 festival beer glass.

Saipan Brewing Co., Marpac, I Love Saipan, Westco, and Franken Brau have all confirmed to participate in the event, which pairs Marianas brews with island-style barbecue and other appetizers and is an annual signature event of the MVA. Slated to provide a variety of chasers for the events are Mystique Snack Bar, Ina's Kitchen, The Hut, and Salty's. ***(MVA)***

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Apatang reiterates call for stricter vandalism policies

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang reiterated his plea to the Legislature to enact stricter vandalism rules after finding out that both markers erected recognizing a former governor been defaced.

He did consider that the letters may have fallen out by themselves due to poor construction or if vandals hit it again. Either way, Apatang reiterated his advocacy for stricter anti-vandalism rules.

The Saipan Mayor's Office first spoke out in mid-August 2018 after one of the two monuments that named the Beach Road Pathway after former governor Froilan C. Tenorio were completely defaced at the Susupe side.

"I hope it is not vandalism and I hope the contractor in charge of the project could put the names back because these monuments are in honor of former governor Tenorio," Apatang said. "I think we need to look at the vandalism law and see if we need to tighten [the law] up a little bit."

Apatang recalled one situation where government property was painted on, taking a substantial financial toll.

"It takes time and money—taxpayers' money," Apatang said.

The Division of Parks and Recreation under the Department of Lands and Natural Resources may fine an individual up to $500 for vandalism. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

'Tinian airport master plan got priority due to DOD plan'

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority has put the master plan for Tinian International Airport ahead of a priority lineup due to the requirements for CPA's negotiations with the U.S. Department of Defense about its plan to put up on Tinian an alternative landing site—or divert airfield—for the U.S. Air Force.

The master plans for the Tinian International Airport, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, and Benjamin T. Manglona International Airport on Rota were among the topics discussed at the CPA board meeting last Friday.

CPA board financial affairs committee chair Kimberlyn King-Hinds said after the board meeting that work has begun for all the airport master plans for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

King-Hinds said part of the requirements for the divert negotiations is that CPA submits its own airport layout plan to the Federal Aviation Administration, which reflects "their footprints as well as the community needs or plans for growth at the Tinian airport."

The Air Force's proposed divert airfield will form part of CPA's own airport layout plan to be submitted to FAA for review and approval.

"It has been the board's position that whatever footprints we have at the Tinian airport has to be community-driven, that anticipates economic growth, economic development," said King-Hinds, who is a Tinian lawyer.

She said they held off completing the airport layout plan until they give the community an opportunity to comment on the proposed plan.

King-Hinds said the Tinian airport layout plan is likely to be approved and that CPA will be holding a formal presentation of the plan to the committee this month.

CPA board airport operations committee chair Barrie C. Toves disclosed over the weekend that CPA is looking at the end of this month to finally decide on the proposed divert airfield.

Toves said they are going to finalize their decision on Oct. 29 during a committee meeting. He said that the following day, Oct. 30, they will hold a board meeting on Tinian where they are going to disclose to the public whether they approve or not the Air Force's divert airfield's plan.

King-Hinds said the community should expect a series of public hearings.

"Everybody's concern is basically about the master concession," said King-Hinds.

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DOL works with Pacific Rim, Mariana Resort

After receiving official notices of layoff or closure of CNMI businesses such as Pacific Rim and the Mariana Resort and Spa, the CNMI Department of Labor has been working with both entities to ensure that the companies comply with laws, policies, and procedures protecting the rights of employees affected by the layoffs or business closure.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres assured that prioritizing U.S. workers and the development of local capacity have always been and will continue to be the priority.

"We are doing everything we can as a government to be proactive in assisting affected employees transition into new job. We are working with potential businesses and utilizing our private sector partnerships in order to expand the job opportunities for interested individuals. We will not sit idle as a government when there are people that need help" Torres said.

He praised Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente and her team at DOL "for their leadership and their compassion."

According to Gil M. San Nicolas, director of Enforcement, DOL has been in communication with potential businesses to organize events and follow up with negotiations to help both the employers and employees with the transition process.

Benavente encourages interested individuals and affected employees and individuals to attend the DOL-organized job fair on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018, at the Kagman High School cafeteria from 9am to 3pm.

"We humbly urge all individuals interested and/or those affected by the layoffs or business closures to attend the job fair on Saturday, Oct. 6. If you can't attend the job fair, we encourage anyone to please visit our team members at the DOL Employment Services or Workforce Investment Agency Units [on Capital] Hill," she said.

Benavente added that DOL activities such as job fair and followups have been ongoing since the first job fair and informational sessions kicked off in April of this year.

"We will continue to extend our services in the community to increase access and opportunities for the CNMI's workforce" she added. "Those attending the job fair should bring a copy of their resume and/or be prepared to fill out job applications or applicable DOL forms. The Department of Labor will work with participants to quickly maximize public and private resources to minimize the disruption on affected workers, and communities associated with job loss. There is no cost to you or the community for these services."

For more information about the job fair or DOL Employment Services Unit, contact 664-3190 or 322-0996. For the Workforce Investment Agency Unit, contact 664-1708. ***(PR)***

WAGE

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eral level of $7.25 an hour last Sept. 30.

Capt. (retired) James Burke is proud to say that he is the only American on Saipan who owns a mom-and-pop store—a small business owner that doesn't mind making a small profit if he could offer better-priced goods to consumers.

Burke and his wife, Apple, are a two-person team that employs five other people to help them with their daily operations of the Friendly Market in San Jose.

He said he has no problem complying with the federally mandated law that raises the minimum wage to the federal level of $7.25 an hour.

"I'm a small business owner and have five employees. We complied with the law," said Burke, pausing to greet and briefly chat with one of his regular customers at the counter.

"It's the law and business owners are required to pay their employees the minimum wage," he added.

Burke plans not to raise his prices. "Raising the prices of the goods is in accordance with the suppliers and the shipment that comes to the CNMI."

"Also, if the gas prices or taxes go up, or the wholesaler raises their prices, then the business owner is left with no choice but to also raise the prices," said Burke.

But, he said, unlike other stores that make 50 percent or higher in profit, they keep theirs low. "I make a little money. If we have to raise our prices, we only mark up to get 10 percent profit."

He acknowledges that many business owners do that—passing the extra cost of their operations to the consumers—but he feels uncomfortable doing that.

"As much as possible, we don't take that out on our customers. We're doing okay. We're making enough profit just to be able to pay our lease, utilities, our deliveries, and, importantly, our employees," said Burke.

John, who asked not to have his real name published, pointed out that they have been paying more than the minimum wage since 2016, with the rate still at $6.55. "We decided not to follow that level since our business was doing well."

"We're not complaining of paying more than the minimum wage since we expanded our business to three other services. I also hired two more employees," added John, who opened his business on Saipan 20 years go.

He said that only one of their five employees is being paid the minimum since the guy is just new on the island. "I hired a new one since two of my foreign workers were affected by the CW1 cap."

John said that raising prices all depends on the prices of the materials and the cost of bringing them to Saipan. "It is all based on the world market. There are many factors involved in raising your prices, not only the rising minimum wage."

No difference

For two employees who are minimum wage earners, the 20-cent increase will hardly make any difference in their daily lives.

"It is just like your weekly expenses increased by 5 cents. It is not that much, as if your salary had an additional money to buy you a can of soda," said Karen, who declined to give her real name.

"I'm already pinching pennies since I'm a single mother. My expenses include paying rent, utilities, transportation, food, tuition, and my loan. It is not that much, so I would hardly feel the increase," she added.

Jim, also not his real name, said that he was already being paid 10 cents higher when the minimum wage was still at $7.05. "Even with $7.15 an hour before, it wasn't enough."

"You have bills to pay and the [income] tax that must be deducted every payday from our salaries. I think nothing much will change with my paycheck. But right now, I have no idea if I would already get the increase."

It also didn't help that the CW-1 cap affected his wife, who is now his dependent. "That's another expense on our part. I have to pay another $370 to file her CW-2 application."

An additional burden on their part is the fact that they got their jobs through an agency, which also gets a percentage of their salaries.

Competitive environment

Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Velma Palacios said with the CNMI's economy improving, it has created a competitive environment with the businesses when it comes to workers, where some pay employees higher than the minimum wage.

"Our members have already been paying higher than $7.25 an hour. In the CNMI, the economy has improved, giving employees more opportunities to be in the workforce," Palacios told *Saipan Tribune*.

"There are many jobs available. Employers are working on trying to retain the current employees through competitive salaries, benefits, training, and other opportunities."

She added that some businesses, with the rising operational costs, also have no choice but to also increase the prices of their goods or services. "You have some businesses increase their prices. Some businesses will pass some of this increase to consumers. It is part of doing business."

Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands chair Gloria Cavanagh added that their members were prepared to comply with the law. "Hotels have been ready for this for a while now, we are glad that the economy is such that we can still absorb this."

She said hotels could not easily raise their rates just to cover the costs of the 20-cent minimum wage hike. "Hotel rates are not like gasoline at the pumps. We cannot raise our rates because the costs of doing business are higher. It is the market that determines whether or not our rates go up."

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the opening day last Saturday, with 40 going to the CEC to vote. Since then, early voting has slowed.

Last Sunday, 20 people voted and there were eight more last Monday.

As of 2pm yesterday, only three voted, Villagomez said.

There are 177 registered voters for the Northern Islands.

Villagomez said early voting for the Northern Islands will be done daily until Nov. 5. She encouraged Northern Islands' voters to come and vote as they have all the time to do it. She said voters only need to show an identification card such as a driver's license, mayor's ID, or school ID.

Villagomez said they don't need to see the voter's registration card as it has no photo in it.

Meanwhile, early voting for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota will start on Oct. 30.

As of yesterday, there are 15,220 registered voters on Saipan that includes 177 from the Northern Islands, 1,760 on Tinian, and 2,000 on Rota, for a total of 18,980 registered voters in the CNMI.

CEC printed 23,000 ballots.

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did not reveal his identity.

"Our outreach team is in touch with the man's family and we are making arrangements to repatriate his body," Durrani said in a statement.

Four passengers were in stable conditions at a Chuuk island hospital and will be taken soon to Guam for further treatment, Air Niugini said.

"The circumstances surrounding this accident are now a matter for relevant authorities as they begin their task of investigating the events that led to the incident and the actions which followed. We are committing all required resources to ascertain the factors that led to this accident," Durrani said in the statement.

Hospital and aviation officials have not responded to requests for comment.

Flight PX73 from nearby Pohnpei island crashed about 145 meters (475 feet) from the Chuuk International Airport runway, the airline said.

What caused the crash remains unclear. The airline and U.S. Navy said the plane landed in the lagoon short of the runway. Some witnesses thought the plane overshot the runway. Plans are underway for recover the black box from the submerged airplane.

A Papua New Guinea accident investigation team flew to Micronesia on Friday, the *Post Courier* newspaper reported.

Flight PX73 flies from Tokyo's Narita International Airport to Papua New Guinea's capital, Port Moresby, via Pohnpei and Chuuk.

The FSM government has assured that it is thoroughly investigating the incident. The FSM Justice Department/National Police is securing the site and providing necessary assistance to the investigation.

Request was made to the U.S. government for its assistance, and investigators arrived in Chuuk to join the investigation team. FSM and PNG are also working together on this investigation.

Air Niugini has operated since 1973. Data from the Aviation Safety Network indicate the Indonesian passenger is Air Niugini's first fatality in two decades.

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achieve that goal.

"As early as now, we are looking at planting the seeds among fifth grade students certain work ethics and standards such as attendance, communication skills, and confidence. …We believe that those are core values that help young children understand how important these values are as the future of our workforce," she said.

Benavente believes that 10 years old is a good age to inculcate the ideas of what it takes to be a great employee or a great business owner.

"That's why we are working with the businesses and the private sector to put together business development training plans, which makes for a good recipe for a prosperous economy," she added.

With the U.S. Workforce Act in effect and assuring local businesses a supply of foreign workers until 2020, Benavente believes that the CNMI will always need to supplement its workforce.

"I grew up here that's why I understand why we are dependent on foreign workers. Diversity is good as we are on an island in the Pacific," she said.

"The people that come here, that lay the work here, come from the Philippines, China, Korea, Japan, and other parts of Asia because we are so close to these places. If we can make each one of them a productive member of our community then it's all good… But we will still do everything we can to help U.S. citizens and place them in jobs," she added.

The past weeks have been busy for Benavente's office, as they have been meeting with several companies and businesses that are struggling with their CW-1 processing.

"We have been putting together all the concerns and issues, then relaying that to the administration, who then relay it to Washington and so forth. So what we are doing is to give recommendations…so we can assist businesses," she said.

"I know every business in the CNMI wants to hire the most qualified, best person for the job…What we are trying to do is really to get together and see where these vacancies are, educate the children and make them have the appetite to join our workforce in the future," she added.

She said her department is holding job fairs, assisting employers from the private sector with training, and working with agencies such as Northern Marianas Trades Institute, Latte Training, Northern Marianas College, and PSS.

More than $50M will support wildlife conservation

WASHINGTON—U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke has announced over $50 million in funding to states through the State Wildlife Grant Program. The funds will support state conservation efforts of non-game fish and wildlife.

The SWG Program is the only federal program with the explicit goal of preventing endangered species listings.

"Collaborative conservation is a joint effort," said Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. "When the federal and state governments work together, we can achieve the best outcomes. This funding is an investment in the future of our wildlife. When we can recover species before they are listed under the Endangered Species Act, that means more federal resources for the other species that need it most."

The SWG Program helps states implement approved State Wildlife Action Plans, which list species and habitats in need of assistance. All 50 state and U.S. territorial wildlife agencies have these plans, which include detailed strategies to proactively protect species in greatest conservation need.

"By working with local communities and other partners, state wildlife agencies serve as the foundation for protecting the nation's wildlife and natural resources legacy," said Service acting director Jim Kurth. "The State Wildlife Grant program, which benefits game and nongame species, supports these crucial state efforts." ***(PR)***

SBA assistance for NMI nonprofits

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Low-interest federal disaster loans are now available to certain private nonprofit organizations in the CNMI following President Trump's federal disaster declaration for Public Assistance as a result of Typhoon Mangkhut that occurred on Sept. 10-11, 2018, according to SBA administrator Linda McMahon of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Private nonprofits that provide essential services of a governmental nature are eligible for assistance.

These low-interest federal disaster loans are available on Rota, Saipan and Tinian.

"Private nonprofit organizations should contact public information officer Nadine Deleon Guerrero of the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management Officer by calling (670) 237-8000 to obtain information about applicant briefings," said director Tanya N. Garfield of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West. "At the briefings, private nonprofit representatives will need to provide information about their organization."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency will use that information to determine if the private nonprofit provides an "essential governmental service" and is a "critical facility" as defined by law. If so, FEMA may provide the private nonprofit with a Public Assistance grant for their eligible costs. If not, FEMA may refer the private nonprofit to SBA for disaster loan assistance.

SBA may lend private nonprofits up to $2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to help with the cost of improvements to protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future. ***(PR)***

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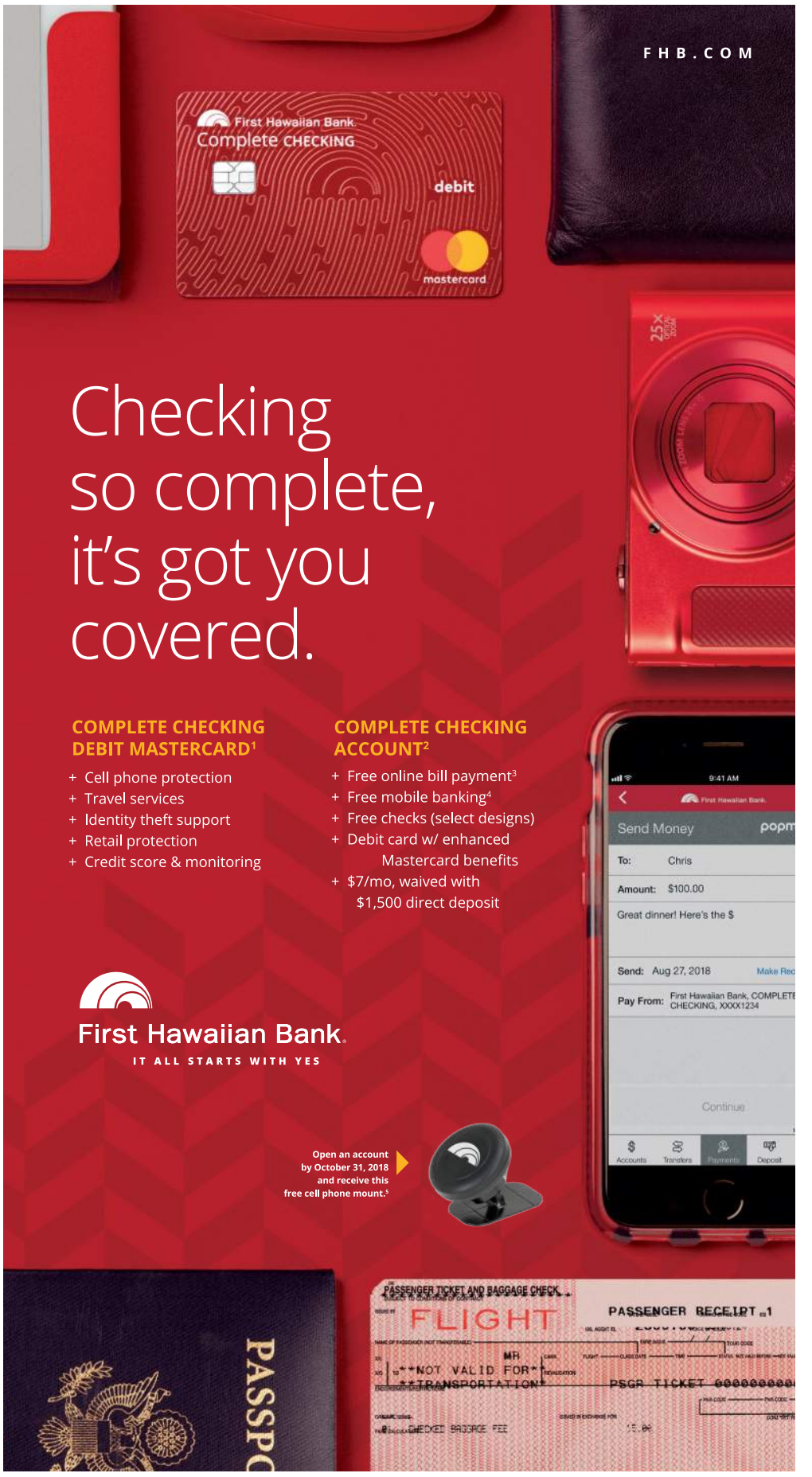

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US HIGH COURT, HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

2 panels to weigh arguments vs disenfranchisement in US territories

Just weeks after the one-year anniversary of Hurricanes Maria and Irma hitting Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, the issue of disenfranchisement in U.S. territories will be considered by both the U.S. Supreme Court and the Organization of American States Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on the same day.

"The opportunity to have either the Supreme Court or the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights take up the issue of voting rights in U.S. territories is momentous in its own right. But to have both do it on the same day is something truly special," said Neil Weare, president and founder of Equally American, a non-profit organization that advocates for equality and civil rights for the nearly 4 million Americans who live in U.S. territories.

This comes as the U.S. Senate considers whether to confirm President Trump's nomination to the Supreme Court.

Residents of U.S. territories are the only Americans who cannot vote for President and lack any representation in the U.S. Senate.

"The debate over confirming Judge Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court is just one more reminder of how nearly 4 million Americans in U.S. territories are left out of the political process, even when decisions are being made that will directly affect their lives," Weare said.

The U.S. Supreme Court will meet privately in conference on Friday, Oct. 5, to consider whether to grant review in *Segovia v. United States*, a case which seeks to expand voting rights in U.S. territories. Lead plaintiff Luis Segovia is a U.S. military veteran who served two tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan—yet he cannot vote for President and lacks voting representation in Congress simply because he lives in Guam.

Segovia and his fellow plaintiffs—a group of veterans and others living in Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands—would be able to vote for President and have voting representation in Congress if they lived in any other U.S. territory or even a foreign country. But under federal and state overseas voting laws, former state residents have their right to vote for President and voting representation in Congress protected if they move to certain favored territories or foreign countries, but not if they move to certain disfavored territories. The *Segovia* plaintiffs are seeking review of a decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit dismissing their equal protection claims earlier this year.

The petition for review in *Segovia* has received significant support, including amicus briefs filed by Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Prof. Samuel Issacharoff and other prominent voting rights scholars, leading constitutional law scholars, and the Virgin Islands Bar Association. The *Segovia* petition also raises three separate "circuit splits," making it more likely that the Supreme Court could grant review.

"The federal government's response to Hurricanes Maria and Irma has demonstrated just how important it is that Americans living in U.S. territories enjoy the same right to vote as their fellow citizens," said Weare, who serves as counsel for the plaintiffs in *Segovia*. "We hope the Supreme Court will take the opportunity to consider whether voting rights can be arbitrarily protected or denied based on where one happens to live outside the 50 states."

The Supreme Court could announce its decision whether to grant review in *Segovia* as early as Tuesday, Oct. 9.

The same day that the U.S. Supreme Court considers the petition in *Segovia v. United States*, the OAS Inter-American Commission on Human Rights will hold a hearing in *Rosselló v. United States*, which argues that by denying U.S. citizens in Puerto Rico voting representation in the federal government, the United States is violating its international law obligations under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man, and other international agreements.

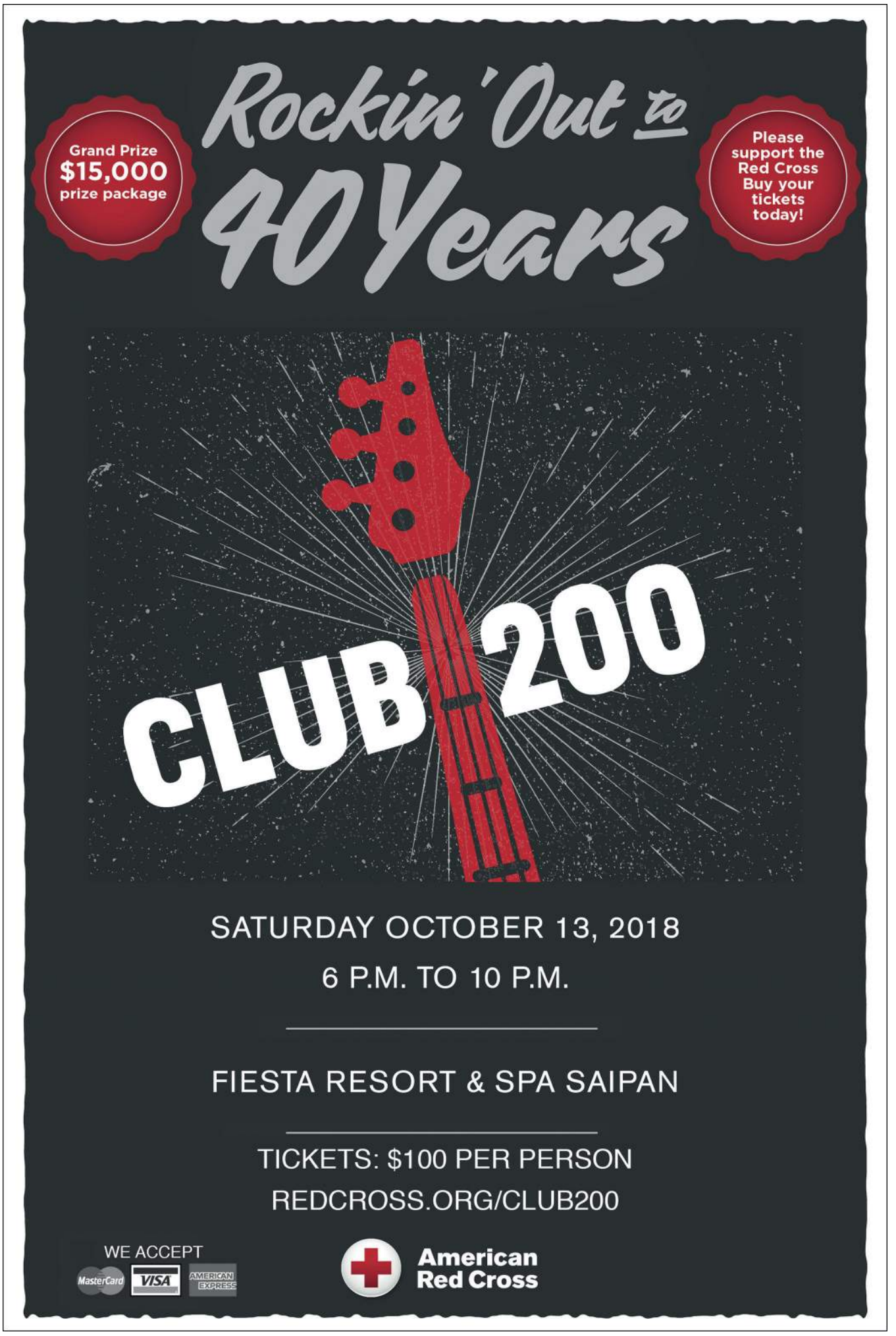
The hearing will be held on Oct. 5, 2018, from 11:30am to 1pm. at the University of Colorado Law School. Former Puerto Rico governor Pedro Rosselló, who brought the case, has been invited by the commission to appear as a witness.

In March, Equally American filed an amicus brief in the case on behalf of current and former elected officials in Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands, who argued that disenfranchisement in these territories similarly violates America's commitments under international law.

Rosselló v. United States follows *Statehood Solidarity Committee v. United States*, a similar case filed by advocates for equal rights in the District of Columbia in which the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights ruled in 2003 that the denial of voting representation in Congress for residents of D.C. violated the United States' international law commitments.

While there is no set timeline for a decision, one is expected before the presidential elections in 2020.

In all, nearly 4 million citizens living in U.S. territories—a population greater than 21 states and larger than the five smallest states combined—are denied the right to vote for President and voting representation in Congress simply because of where they happen to live. This includes more than 125,000 veterans and active duty service members living in U.S. territories, where service casualty rates range as high as seven times the national average. Decisions made by the federal government greatly impact the lives of these Americans, as highlighted by how an inadequate federal response was to Hurricanes Maria and Irma in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. ***(PR)***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Scheduled power outages

There will be scheduled power interruptions on the following dates, times and locations:

■ Saturday, Oct. 6, 5am to 10am affecting the Chalan Monsignor Guerrero in Dandan. Traffic lights at the intersections of Dandan to Airport Road, Dandan to As Lito and Dandan to Fina Sisu will be affected. No water well or wastewater lift station will be affected.

■ Sunday, Oct. 7, from 5am to 10am, affecting the Chalan Pale Arnold in Puerto Rico. No traffic light intersection or water well will be affected but the wastewater lift stations in Lower Sadog Tasi and Lower Navy Hill will be affected.

■ Monday, Oct. 8, from 5am to 10am, affecting Chalan Pale Arnold in Lower Navy Hill. The Lower Navy Hill traffic light intersection and Calhoun water well will be affected. The Lower Sadog Tasi and Lower Navy Hill wastewater lift stations will be affected.

These will allow Commonwealth Utilities Corp. linemen to replace wooden poles with concrete ones. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

'Our Sense of Place' forum on Thursday

"Our Sense of Place," a forum for Precinct 2 candidates that will be hosted by independent House candidate Christina Sablan, is set for Thursday, Oct. 4 at the Joeten Daidai Social Hall next to Mt. Carmel Cathedral, starting at 5:30pm. Members of the community are invited to share ideas on how to make Precinct 2 a better place to live, work, visit, and play. Precinct 2 includes Chalan Kanoa, Susupe, Fina Sisu, As Lito, and As Perdido. The forum is free and all are welcome. For more information or to RSVP, contact Sablan at 285-3935 or tinasablan@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

SINMI accepting applications for award

The Soroptimist International of the Northern Mariana Islands is now accepting applications for our annual Live Your Dream award. The completed application and two reference forms must be submitted before Oct. 10, 2018, for consideration in the judging process. For digital copies of both forms, email pbrown52@gmail.com.

These annual awards are given to women who are attending college or vocational training and who are the primary financial support for their family. A list of other requirements will be provided. The award money can be spent on whatever a recipient chooses.

Plan ahead to attend our award ceremony on Oct. 20 at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan at 6pm. Ticket prices are $50. For more information, contact Pam Brown at (670) 483-9496 or Maureen Sebangiol at (670) 287-4674. ***(PR)***

Military training at FDM, W-11AB

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Oct. 3-5, from 11am to 11pm. It is recommended the public, fishermen and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island. ***(PR)***

SCC sets October meeting

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will have its October general membership meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018, at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. Lunch will be served at 11:30am and the meeting will begin promptly at noon.

The guest speaker is Esther Muña, who will give an update on the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. The U.S. Marine Corp. Reserve and Saipan Young Professionals will also kick off the Toys 4 Tots Program. Chamber-member fee is $25/person and for non-members $35/person. ***(PR)***

Red Ribbon Week proclamation signing

There will be a proclamation signing of Red Ribbon Week at the Saipan Southern High School cafeteria on Oct. 4, 2018, Thursday, at 9am. Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. The National Family Partnership organized the first nationwide Red Ribbon Campaign in 1988. Since that time, the campaign has reached millions of U.S. children. ***(PR)***

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$1,000 reward for information on Yigo pet killer

GUAM—The Guam-based animal protection group, Guam Animals In Need, or GAIN, offered a $1,000 reward yesterday for information leading to the arrest or grand jury indictment of the person responsible for the brutal killing of a pet dog named Pugua.

"The reward money comes from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous," said Cyrus Luhr, president of the GAIN board. "We hope the reward will lead to swift justice for Pugua's killer."

On Thursday, Sept. 27, a pet dog named Pugua was violently killed near his Yigo home. Based on distressed howls heard by neighbors, the attack is believed to have occurred around 11 am Thursday morning.

This file photo shows Pugua, left, playing with another dog.
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A gentle and playful 2-year old Jack Russell and boonie mix, Pugua's body was found shot and possibly beaten in the carport of a family friend who was taking care of him during the day. A bloody shovel was found near his body.

Dr. Thomas Poole, Guam territorial veterinarian, said an autopsy shows that Pugua likely died from "a large caliber bullet probably from a handgun 9mm or larger." Due to the nature of the bullet wound, Poole states that Pugua died instantly in the carport.

Pugua's death is one of four attacks on pets in the same neighborhood, near the Yigo Mayor's Office. Across the street from Pugua's home, a neighbor reports their golden retriever was shot in the leg and testicles with a BB gun early last week. Further up the same road, a couple reports their rottweiler was shot in the chest and killed a few weeks ago. And this past Friday morning, a small dog was found dead from gunshot wounds in the same neighborhood.

"Someone trespassed onto private property with a loaded gun, and brutally executed a family pet," said Luhr. "This violent person is still on the loose, and these families are afraid for their safety and the safety of their pets."

Numerous studies show that animal abusers are strongly linked to other types violent crimes. A 2001-2004 study by the Chicago Police Department "revealed a startling propensity for offenders charged with crimes against animals to commit other violent offenses toward human victims."

Information is still being sought on a person of interest who made threats against Pugua and other neighborhood dogs a day prior to the attack. He is described as a larger (6', 200-230 lbs) Chamorro man with tattoos and short black hair, last seen Wednesday between 4pm and 5pm in Yigo (near the Mayor's Office) pushing a stroller alongside a pregnant Chamorro woman (5'5", 150 lbs) with long black hair, and two children under the age of 3.

Anyone with information about these violent crimes is urged to contact GPD, or the Guam Crime Stoppers by calling 477-HELP (4357), texting 486-HELP (4357), or visiting_guam.crimestoppersweb.com. ***(PR)***

Replacement of food losses for Rota NAP households

The Nutrition Assistance Program will be accepting requests for replacement of benefits equal to the value of food purchased with food stamps that were spoiled or damaged by the effects of Typhoon Mangkhut, which heavily hit Rota on Sept. 10 and 11.

This includes replacement of NAP coupons that were destroyed by the typhoon.

Replacement of benefits shall not exceed one month's food stamp allotment. NAP households who were issued their benefits after Sept. 11 are not entitled to the replacement.

The head of household or the authorized representative of the affected NAP household on Rota should visit the Rota Youth Center in Sinapalo village on the following dates and times. Households are required to present their NAP I.D. card and a valid photo I.D.

- Oct. 4, 2018, 3pm to 7pm
- Oct. 5, 2018, 8am to 6pm.

Households will be assisted by a DCCA or NAP personnel who will be asking basic questions as part of the verification process. In addition, households will be filling out and signing a certification of their statements. After these events are completed, replacements will be issued on the same day. Affected households who are not able to visit the Youth Center on these dates have up to Oct. 10 to submit a request. Households should visit the Rota DCCA office in Songsong village or call 532-9354. ***(PR)***

USN sailors give blood for injured airplane crash survivors in Chuuk

By CMS MATTHEW R. WHITE
30TH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION REGIMENT
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SANTA RITA, Guam—After responding and rendering aid to the passengers and crew of Air Niugini flight PX56 following its crash landing in Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia last Sept. 28, sailors from Underwater Construction Team 2 continued their humanitarian efforts by donating blood to the injured.

As the immediate rescue operation wound down and local authorities took over control of the incident, the sailors regrouped and explored other ways to support the survivors and authorities at the scene.

The team was later informed that three of the critically injured passengers at the Chuuk State Hospital intensive care unit needed a blood transfusion. After quickly canvassing the sailors to see who had the right type of blood, three volunteers from UCT-2 rushed to the hospital where they each donated a pint of blood to the patients.

On the morning of Sept. 28, while working on a construction project near the airport, UCT-2 sailors displayed their training, readiness and teamwork in dramatic fashion by instantly responding to help rescue the airline's passengers and crew, and continuing to care for the injured following their safe evacuation from the sinking aircraft.

While Construction Mechanic 1st Class John Monahan led a group of six sailors to the partially submerged Boeing 737 before the emergency doors had even opened, Chief Hospital Corpsman Erich Weber was on shore, setting up a triage point to treat or move patients.

Builder 2nd Class David Perryman donates blood for transfusion to a critically injured passenger from Air Niugini flight PX56 that crash landed in a lagoon near Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia, International Airport.
U.S. NAVY

Builder 2nd Class Brock Farmer donates blood for transfusion to a critically injured passenger from Air Niugini flight PX56 that crash landed in a lagoon near Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia, International Airport.
U.S. NAVY

"As soon as we reported to the boat ramp, a boat full of patients came ashore. We triaged the worst of the group to our vehicle, one of which was conscious but in the fetal position due to severity of injuries [and] pain," said Weber, independent duty corpsman assigned to UCT-2.

Back on the slowly sinking aircraft, UCT-2 sailors entered the plane to conduct a sweep of the passenger compartment and crew areas. Builder 3rd Class Brock Farmer needed to swim through the aircraft's interior to complete the inspection before the sailors exited the plane, as fears arose the airliner would soon sink.

The teamwork didn't end with the initial response from UCT-2.

The U.S. Coast Guard flew a C-130 aircraft from Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii, to Chuuk to medevac the patients in critical condition from flight PX56 to U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, where they received medical care.

The Coast Guard also sent a disaster medical assistance team, consisting of six doctors, to Chuuk, to assist local medical officials treat injured passengers who remained on the island.

FSM authorities have requested assistance from the U.S. Navy to recover the aircraft's flight data recorders, which may reveal the reason behind the plane's crash landing.

UCT-2 is in Chuuk providing a range of operations improving the wharf area, including inspecting of existing navigational aids; assessment of the wharf; and placing environmental offsets at popular scuba diving sites which will protect the coral reef from damage due to boat anchors.

UCT-2 provides construction, inspection, repair, and maintenance of waterfront and ocean facilities in support of Naval and Marine Corps operations. Underwater construction technicians have the unique ability of providing shallow and deepwater repairs, as well as being a highly skilled construction force. ***(PR)***

ON BEHALF OF FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES

Amata backs Real ID Act improvements

Delegate Aumua Amata (R-A.Samoa) poses with Republic of the Marshall Islands President Hilda Heine in the American Samoa Congressional office when she visited Washington, DC.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Aumua Amata (R-A. Samoa) has supported the Real ID Act Modification for Freely Associated States Act (H.R. 3398), which she co-sponsored, including a statement for the *Congressional Record* urging this action.

On Thursday last week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed this bipartisan bill to help citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia that live in the United States obtain necessary identifications and driver's licenses.

"I'm pleased to see this change for U.S. residents from the Freely Associated States, among our nation's closest friends and allies," said Amata. "I lived in the RMI for eight years, and it is home to The Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Test Site on Kwajalein Atoll, which I recently visited on a [congressional delegation], and all three nations play a key role in U.S. national defense and strategy." ***(PR)***

Tinian's Chief Taga Festival highlights Chamorro culture

Festivities kick off yesterday, Oct. 2, for a week in honor of one of the Marianas' most legendary indigenous historic figures, Chamorro Chief Taga.

"*Gineptin Ha'anen Taga*" (Chief Taga Festival) will be held on the island of Tinian, where arriving VIPs will be greeted at the airport with fresh leis and singing schoolchildren.

Over the next several days, Dr. Michael Lujan Bevacqua of the University of Guam and Malia Ramirez of Guam Historic Preservation will share the story of Taga and Chamorro history with students at Tinian Elementary School, Tinian Jr./Sr. High School, and Grace Christian Academy.

A public presentation will also be made on Friday, Oct. 5, from 5pm to 6:30pm at the Tinian Public Library.

Festival grounds will open at 8am today, Oct. 4, with food and other vendor sales throughout the day and music and live entertainment from 6pm to 10pm. Festivities will continue Friday with additional performances by students from Tinian and Guam from 6pm to 10pm.

Saturday, Oct. 6, will include all-day performances and food sales beginning at 8am, as well as a display of historical artifacts from the CNMI Historic Preservation Office. Chamorro cultural demonstrations will be held throughout the day, including *acho' atupat* (slingshot) throwing (10am to 4pm), *talaya* (cast net) throwing (11:30am to 5pm), coconut frond weaving (10am to 4pm), and swimming (4pm). A facial reconstruction from an ancient Chamorro skull will be displayed at the Tinian Public Library from 8am to 6:30pm.

The Top 3 public participants of others demonstrations will be selected to compete in contests on Sunday, Oct. 7: the chacha contest (6pm), children's *umang* (hermit crab) race (3pm), *kacha/kamchu* (coconut husking/grinding) relay (12pm), *fuetsan* Taga (Taga strength) contest, (11am), government department tug-of-war (2pm), and jewelry making (10am to 4pm).

Festivities will culminate on Sunday with the championship competitions, demonstrations and contests from 10am to 6:30pm

The Chief Taga Festival is spearheaded by the Tinian Mayor's Office and co-organized by the 16th Tinian Municipal Council, and the Marianas Visitors Authority.

Tinian is recorded as the place where Taga last lived and was buried. Tinian is also home to the House of Taga, a landmark on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places and the site of the largest standing limestone latte stones in the Marianas, which served as support pillars for ancient Chamorro structures.

For more information, contact Joseph San Nicolas of the Tinian Mayor's Office at 1 (670) 433-1802 or email. joesntiq@gmail.com, the 16th Municipal Council at 1 (670) 433-3470, or MVA field office supervisor Vida Borja at vborja@mymarianas.com or 1 (670) 433-9365. ***(MVA)***

JKPL to host 7th Trunk-or-Treat

Calling all trick-or-treaters!

It's that time of the year and the Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, and its staff invites you to join the 7th Annual Halloween Trunk-Or-Treat.

Held every year, this popular free public event helps to promote and strengthen community partnership and engagement, fosters family bonding, and provides families with an alternative activity to trick-or-treating door-to-door. Dress up in your favorite costume and join the fun.

This spooktacular island-wide event is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018, from 3:30pm to 6:30pm in the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library parking lot in Susupe.

Organizations who are willing to sponsor can contact Trunk-or-Treat coordinators Omar Manacop and/or Rose Ulloa at 235-7329/7315. You can also email jkplitc@gmail.com or rosalindaulloajkpl@gmail.com. Visit cnmilib.org for the latest updates.

The American Memorial Park has also traditionally hosted its own Trunk-or-Treat event. It is unclear yet if the park will host one this year. ***(PR)***

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF NOAH HERMAN CHANCE MANGLONA TEREGEYO A Minor Child. BY: JOEY P. SAN NICOLAS AND CONCEPCION V. SAN NICOLAS, Petitioners	FCD Civil Action NO. 18-0384 NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Adoption for the above-named minor child by JOEY PATRICK SAN NICOLAS AND CONCEPCION VILLAGOMEZ SAN NICOLAS, Petitioners, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court and is open for review at the office of the Clerk of the said Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A HEARING of said Petition for Adoption will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at the Tinian Courthouse, Tinian, CNMI, before the Honorable Kenneth L. Govendo on the 19th day of October, 2018 at 9:00am or soon thereafter.

PATRICK V. DIAZ
Clerk of Court
/s/ By: Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING KANNAT TABLA QUARRY OPERATION

CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS SUPPLY, INC. PERMIT NO. SMS-95-X-48

Pursuant to NMIAC § 15-10-220(a)(4), the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the Construction and Materials Supply, Inc. (CMS) quarry operation in Kannat Tabla, Saipan.

CMS is currently engaging in quarrying activities under Permit No. SMS-95-X-48. This activity is situated on Lot Nos. 035 H 01 and 035 H 02 measuring a total of about 60,481 square meters of public land, more or less.

The public hearing for the above-mentioned quarry operations is scheduled for **Thursday, October 4, 2018, at 5PM**. The venue for this public hearing will be in "**Building S**" at the Northern Marianas College (NMC) campus in As Terlaje Hill.

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 303, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304 or by fax at (670) 664-8315. The project file is open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M, Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects. Please contact the DCRM at (670) 664-8300 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the project.

/s/Janice E. Castro
Director
Division of Coastal Resources Management

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public land in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The proposed lease of public land is described as Tract No. 22916-R1 containing an area of approximately 5,472 square meters, more or less, situated in Lower Base, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands office and website at www.dpl.gov.mp for inspection.

ii. The prospective lessee is Advance Marine Saipan Corporation. The Directors of Advance Marine Saipan Corporation. are Masaaki Kobayashi – President/Secretary, Hisahi Taniguchi – Vice President and Seong Bok Hun - Treasurer.

iii. The proposed Lease Agreement is compliant with DPL regulations. To extent it and was negotiated, discussions were by Mr. Masaaki Kobayashi. and Mr. Sean Frink.

iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of boat repair facility and parasailing services.

The term of the proposed lease agreement is 25 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term of the lease extension is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property.

v. A copy of the proposed Extension Agreement and First Amendment to the Lease Agreement may be obtained at the office of the Secretary, Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; 1st floor of the De'Ana Commercial Building, Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian. A copy will also be available online at www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. As of the time of this publication, the Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Lower Base, Saipan.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before 4:00 p.m. October 12, 2018 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian. 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; 1st floor of the De'Ana Commercial Building, Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

NUTISIAN I MAPROPONI NA ATKILON TÅNU´ PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106 (b) gi Lai Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku mannånå´i guini nutisia put i intensiona ni para u ma´atkila metton na tanu´ pupbliku giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Mariånas. Maseha håyi na pattida ni intirisao gi hålum pupblikun hineråt siña muna´hålum upiñon, infotmasion, pat testimoniun kinontra gi tinahguin prinoponi siha para i atkilon nu i tanu´ pupbliku. Kumu mås mo´na mapribeni ginin i Lai Pupbliku 15-2, i tinattitiyi na pettanesin infotmasion manisisita na para u mapupblika.

i. I maproponi na atkilon tanu´ pupbliku madiskribi kumu Tract No. 22916-R1 ni konsisisti kåsi 5,472 square meters, mås pat menus, ni gaigi gi Lower Base, giya Saipan. I kopian påttin i lugåt managuaha gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku yan website gi www.dpl.gov.mp para inspeksion.

ii. I prospective lessee i Advance Marine Saipan Corporation. I Direktot i Advance Marine Saipan Corporation siha si Masaaki Kobayashi – i Presidenti/Tresuråriu yan Hisahi Taniguchi – i Sigundu na Presidenti yan Seong Bok Hun - Tresuråriu.

iii. I maproponi na Kontråtan Atkilon ha tattiyi i regulasion DPL siha. Para u ma´ekstendi yan ginin manegosiu, i diskuti siha ginin as Siñot Masaaki Kobayashi yan Sinot Sean Frink.

iv. I lessee debi na u usa i lugåt put atyu ha´ na rason para fasilidåt na´maolik boti yan setbisiun parasailing siha.

I tema nu i maproponi kontråtan atkilon sa benti singku (25) åñus na tiempu.

I maproponi na atkilon gi kada´ såkkan gi durântin i teman i ekstendin i atkila mapega gi pusentun nu i bålin appraised fair market i propiedåt.

v. I kopian nu i maproponi na Kontråtan Ekstendi yan i Fine´ni´na na Amendasion para i Kontråtan Atkilon siña machuli´ gi ufisinan i Sekritårian, Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku, gaigi gi sigundu (2nd) bibiendan i Joeten Dandan Commercial Building gi Dandan, giya Saipan, primet (1st) bibienda gi De'Ana Commercial Building, gi Songsong Village, giya Luta; pat i primet (1st) bibienda gi Kings Commercial Building, giya Tinian. I kopia debi lokkui´ na managuaha online gi www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. Kumu tiempun nu esti na pupblikasion, i Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku ti manmarisibi ni håfa na tinahguin inefresi siha ni para ma´atkila i suhetu na tanu´ pupbliku gi Lower Base, giya Saipan.

vii. I Sekritårian Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku ha aksesepta tinigi´ upiñon, infotmasion, testimoniun kinontra pat tinahguin prinoponi siha ginin i manintirisåo na pattida siha gi pat åntis di alas kuåttru gi talu´åni (4:00 p.m.) gi Oktubri 12, 2018 gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku siha ni gaigi giya Saipan, Luta pat Tinian. (2nd) bibiendan i Joeten Dandan Commercial Building gi Dandan, giya Saipan, primet (1st) bibienda gi De'Ana Commercial Building, gi Songsong Village, giya Luta; pat i primet (1st) bibienda gi Kings Commercial Building, giya Tinian.

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iii. Pommwol Abwungubwungúl Atkkilóón nge e compliant ngáli mwóghutughutúl DPL. Eyoor tool igha re ppwol fengál, mwaliili sángi Mr. Masaaki Kobayashi me Mr. Sean Frink.

iv. Schóól atkkilóón ebwe yááyá falúw bwe ebwe yoor leliyál rebwe aghatchú bwoot me ayoorai angaangil parasailing.

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v. Pappidil pommwol Abwungubwungúl Atkkilóón emmwel ubwe bweibwogh me reel Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap, iye e lo 2nd floor reel Joeten Dandan Commercial Building me Dandan, Seipél; 1st floor reel De'Ana Commercial building, Songsong Village, Luuta; ngáre 1st floor reel Kings Commercial Building, Tchiliyól. Ebwal yoor pappid yeel online me www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. Atol oral arongorong yeel, Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap rese bweibwogh pommw iye re siiweli ngáli atkkilóón iye e lo weiláng me Elal Ghaloowa, Seipél.

vii. Sekkretóóriyal Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Toulap emmwelil bweibwogh ischil mángemáng, views, angiingi ngáre pommw iye re siiweli sángi schóó kka re mwuschel wóól ngáre mmwalil 4:00 p.m. Ottuubre 12, 2018 me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap iye e lo Seipél, Luuta ngáre Tchiliyól. 2nd floor reel Joeten Dandan Commercial Building me Dandan, Seipél; 1st floor reel De'Ana Commercial building, Songsong Village, Luuta; ngáre 1st floor reel Kings Commercial Building, Tchiliyól.

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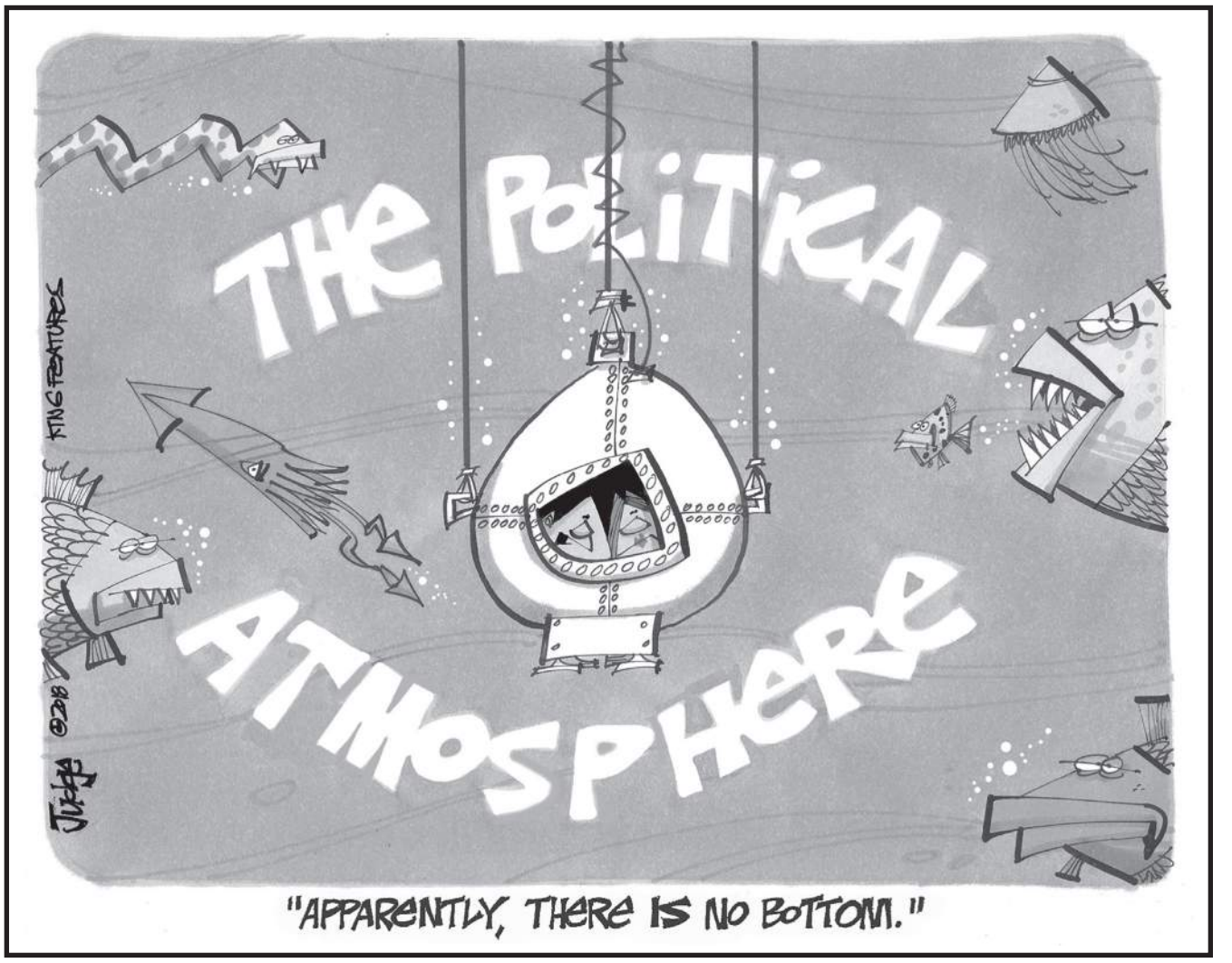

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Three truths emerge from Kavanaugh's Senate hearing

After a week of political whiplash, Republicans and President Trump have finally agreed to an FBI investigation of the allegations against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh.

It's what his accuser, Palo Alto University Professor Christine Blasey Ford, and Democratic members of the Senate Judiciary Committee had been seeking all along.

Even after Ford's heart-wrenching testimony that upset much of the nation, most of the Republican senators had been prepared to push forward with Kavanaugh's nomination. Only after GOP Sens. Jeff Flake and Lisa Murkowski threatened not to confirm him did Republican leaders capitulate to doing the right thing.

What an embarrassment—for the U.S. Senate and the Supreme Court confirmation process. A situation that obviously demanded a thorough independent investigation turned into the worst kind of reality TV. Riveting, yes. Satisfying, no.

This past week is one that will be remembered for decades—especially by women—as a painful reminder of how far we still have to go in confronting sexual harassment and abuse.

Amid all the political grandstanding, three lessons emerged:

■ Blasey Ford's agonizing testimony was not only credible but also believable. Her opening statement and the bravery she displayed in answering questions revealed to the nation the pain survivors face when they come forward.

■ Kavanaugh's angry attempt to marginalize Blasey Ford's testimony as a partisan attack was the best evidence yet that he does not have the judicial temperament to serve on the Supreme Court, or as a judge at any level.

■ Twenty-seven years after the Anita Hill-Clarence Thomas hearings, society has made virtually no progress in how we deal with cases of sexual harassment and assault. It's unacceptable.

Anyone watching Blasey Ford's testimony Thursday should have a clear understanding of why so many women are still reluctant to tell their stories.

This must change, and the Bay Area needs to be in the forefront for action. Whether it's the physical abuse by former Stanford student Brock Turner or the sexual harassment by Contra Costa County Assessor Gus Kramer, it's clear that women continue to endure unacceptable behavior, just as they did in the early 1980s when Blasey Ford was a high school student on summer break.

Because so many women are reluctant to report cases of sexual assault and rape, it's impossible to know exactly how widespread the problem is. But the numbers that are available are alarming.

A study by the Association of American Universities found that one in four women attending universities in this country will be sexually assaulted by the time they are seniors.

These are heartbreaking numbers. No parents should feel comfortable sending their daughter off to college knowing that there is a 25 percent chance she will be sexually assaulted before graduation.

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The sneaky disease of depression

By JOHN L. DOYLE III, MD
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

We are becoming more and more aware of the effect of mental illnesses and conditions that are affecting our community and perhaps it is time to discuss the most underdiagnosed condition in the U.S. mainland as well as here.

Depression is a mental expression of a physical illness.

Your brain relies on chemicals known as neurotransmitters to relay information and to keep the body and mind in a state of homeostasis (meaning a steady state).

Over time, especially with unaddressed stressors in life, the brain begins to "run out" of certain neurotransmitters. This imbalance can lead to many physical manifestations.

For example, a lack of the neurotransmitter dopamine can cause the symptoms of Parkinson's disease.

A lack of the neurotransmitter serotonin causes depression.

In order to treat either disease we use medications that help to restore either a healthy balance or we make the available neurotransmitters hang around longer.

For depression, these medications are sometimes used with counseling to restore the homeostasis in the brain and therefore the body.

The surprising thing to most folks is that being depressed is not just about sitting around crying all the time.

The early signs of depression are very subtle and many practitioners fail to ask about them.

Some things that indicate that you may be suffering from depression are as follows: (Thanks and credit to Web MD for the listing):

■ Trouble concentrating, remembering details, and making decisions
■ Fatigue
■ Feelings of guilt, worthlessness, and helplessness
■ Pessimism and hopelessness
■ Insomnia, early-morning wakefulness, or sleeping too much
■ Irritability
■ Restlessness
■ Loss of interest in things once pleasurable, including sex
■ Overeating, or appetite loss
■ Aches, pains, headaches, or cramps that won't go away
■ Digestive problems that don't get better, even with treatment
■ Persistent sad, anxious, or "empty" feelings
■ Suicidal thoughts or attempts

One would notice right away that the sadness portion of the diagnosis is a very small part of the issue. That is what makes it so hard to pinpoint.

Everybody gets sad or feels down every now and then. It is life. However when your body and mind cease to function normally it becomes an issue.

People who are under significant stress for a long period of time will likely develop at least a minor depression. When I have patients that are, for instance, sole caretakers for a loved one I try to ask them how they are doing. They keep busy to ignore the signs and symptoms and signals their bodies are sending them.

Also, particularly on our island, people consider this taboo. You don't talk about your "feelings" and you don't dare admit that there may be a weak point in your defenses.

This is a true shame. Treatment is so successful and beneficial nowadays that it should never be an issue. You don't have to wear a scarlet "D" on your forehead to be treated for depression. It is a private thing between you and your doctor.

And people with depression really do suffer. It is, for some, a living hell. People may feel that there is always a cloud following them. That they can never do anything right. That things are never going to get better and this is just how it is.

Often they have prayed to no end for relief. Some wish they were dead. Some just sit in the house and refuse to go out. They don't enjoy company. On their best day they "just don't feel good."

Guess what?

They are not "crazy." They are suffering from a medical illness known as depression. It is very common.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health: An estimated 16.2 million adults in the United States had at least one major depressive episode. This number represented 6.7 percent of all U.S. adults. The prevalence of major depressive episode was higher among adult females (8.5 percent) compared to males (4.8 percent).

That is a pretty high number. That is also only those that self-reported or were diagnosed. Up to 10 percent of the population suffers from depression and maybe more.

And even though we live on a beautiful island and are blessed with fellowship, friendship, close family ties and solid religious background our numbers are at least just the same. Maybe higher.

This island has been through some rough times and, although things are brighter, the damage still remains. We see it in our disease rates and the maladies that strike our people. Stress is

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Kutturan natibu

Sessu hu ekuñgug sineyu` "presetbasion" kuttura. Sige hu akanteha yan analisa i ti komprendiyun na usun palabra. Felis hinanau kutturan natibu ni sige tana` fitme ginen sisteman edukasion. Pues haf` na presetbasion ta atbabansa?

Presetbasion kulan para ta pega gi un` sahguan kuttura-ta pot no u mahañge` `sino lamas. Na ti diariu usun kuttura guine siha na petlas?

Dichu: Gi todu animu i dichu dumanche chochogueña ma`ug na finana`guen kuttura i sisteman edukasion publiku guine. Klaru yan komprendiyun haf` ha petsisige ni gaige gi leksion diariu gi halum kuattun eskuela siha.

Ha chahlau famaguon-ta. Ha esgaihon adumididi` kontodu finana`guen matuge` na liñguahen hila` nanan niha. I segundu pinetsige petmanente na añkla gi masimientun kutturan natibu.

Afañielos, gaige i primera sahyan kuttura gi liñguahi-ta!

Respetu: Finana`guen mañaina-ta gi halum guma` familia i bittun respetu. Dumaña` yan finana`guen relihion-ta `nai mas fitme makonfitma sustansian yan signifikasion satgen simientu gi kuttura-ta.

`Nai malulog hau respetu libianu un` saluda i otru gi hilu` hinimiddi pot gaige na un` respetan maisa hau finenina. Guaha sattun inadahe gi todu relasion yan disposision. Gi hilu` este libianu ta chogue i tunas yan propiu na disposision petsonat.

Poresu na guaha sattun yan fitme na bittun respetu gi halum komunidan natibu. Ha pega papa` areglu gi kada membron i señgsuñg. Guiya este i satgen simientu gi kuttura-ta.

I kustumbren man-ñgiñge` sumen amtau na patte gi kuttura-ta. Dos masusedi: 1). Tumekun hau konrespetu gi amko`mu. 2). Ma-echa hau motmut bendision na u felis hinanau-mu. Kutturan natibu i respetu deste antigu na tiempu!

Pattisipasion: Gi maseha haf` na dinaña` mauleg ta sedi tautau-ta mañguentus kesibaye de raya yan galun. Na`e i prohimu appottunidat sumañgan sentimentoña.

Pattisipasion membron komunida sumen presisu gi inakonfotman planu para todu gi señgsunng. Estague` i fitme na pisu `nai libianu i tropa ha chogue checho`ña sin finatane`, otguyu `sino imbidiu.

Achog antes gi kamalin Lali Fo` todu mañaunau gi inaprueban asuntun i señgsuñg. Poresu na lagse` kooperasion todu gi maseha haf` na disision. Mañge` man-ayuda `nai guaha hinimiddi yan respetu gi mafatinas na disision linahyan. ***

Chenot: Ha estotba-yu` dimasiau i ma-umentan tautau-ta ni man-sinapet dispues didog na aminasun chenot daibites. Ha inklusu ti mattun haga` gi papa` temota. `Nai iridau kalulot `sino damagas adeñgta ya umadet uttimoña ti amtiyun. Debi uma-utut. `

I manadan asukat gi halum haga`ta kontodu reñihion ha aminasa. Uttimoña ti siña hana` suha i manadan asukat. Pininu` i riñihion. Debi un` madai`alasis (mana gasgas makina haga`mu) pot este solu remediuña matai reñihion.

Giya guahu mismu, sige hu guadog ginen manu mage este na aminasu. Manadan asukat unu, i otru i sinparat ta sumuke` hit neñkanu`. Ti tana`e parahiya-ta tiempu para u yamag i asukat gi haga`ta. Estague` tutuhun chenot daibites.

Para hafa manadan birada. Kada unu mauleg u limittegue` kuantu na neñkanu` para u kanu`. Gigon haspug hau choneg platumu. Gigon un` gulusune mamadesi hau dispues. Komprendiyun i manginen isla hit `nai todu birada gaige i preparasion neñkanu`. Pasensiaye bokan gulosu pot hinemlo`mu mismu!

**Mañgu`:** Un` tiempu hu tanum manadan mañgu` gi tatten guma`. Ti cha`tan yan hayu i betdi dispues de ha estirague`. Dispues hu taitai gi un` estudiu haf` benefisioña ayu na hale` tinanum.

I chetnot gi tatautau-ta todu i tiempu ha tututuhun-gue` gi fina` doku` pogpug (inflammation). Estague` `nai ha tutuhun maseha haf` na chenot. Sige mona estake inaditi hau.

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I usun mañgu` ha punu` todu dineku` pogpug (inflammation) gi tatautau-ta. Poresu na i umu`usa este na tinanum hasan inaminasa chenot. Huna` sesetbe este na hale`. Hu chule` balen kalulot apunteria ya hu pega gi halum ice tea gi blender ya hu meskla. Paire na gimen!

Minagahet? Umakone` dos umasagua para i kotte pot ditetminasion haye magahet gi entre dos keha.

Ilegña asaguan lahe: "Señot, esta i asaguahu tiha areglalayeyu` amotsaghu yan todu nesessidat-hu". Ineppi ni jues, "Dinanche hau ihu".

Kumuentus i palao`an, "Tatnai esta ha kariñu-yu` si pindehu". Ineppi ni jues, "Dinanche hau hagahu".

Ilegña i estudianten lai gi un` banda, "Señot, ti siña na para u achadinance i dos". Ineppi ni jues, "Dinanche hau, lahihu". Guput!

Planu: Ha faisen-yu` un` kandidatu sapottasion-hu. Gi konbetsasion mame hu dagau `nos kuantos kuestion para bai taka` haf` kinemprendeña.

Animu para u oppe kuestion-hu siha lau lamayot patte anog na tai kinemprende gi mas man-sustansiau na asuntun linahyan siha. Ha ayeg dumeskute pot ekonomia lau taya` gi esplikasioña kumonfitma na ha komprende i asuntu.

Mama professot karisu kontodu asuntun hinemlu` yan edukasion. Hu sedi kumuentus lau haf` dispues na konbetsasion dos bulacheru! Dios tiampare!

The myth of made up rape

By MARTHA TAYLOR
THE BALTIMORE SUN

The claim that women make up rape charges is as old as the hills. You may recall that in Genesis (39:6-20), Joseph of the technicolor dream coat suffered under false accusations. The wife of Potiphar, the Egyptian official to whom Joseph had been sold by his brothers, fell in lust with him and wanted to sleep with him. When Joseph chastely refused, she cried "rape!" and her outraged husband cast Joseph into prison.

In Homer, the hero Glaukos tells a similar tale about his ancestor Bellerophon who was also falsely accused of sexual outrages. He came to the house of Proetus to be cleansed of a ritual murder. But there, Proetus' wife fell for him. When he refused her, she claimed that he had tried to seduce her. Her husband Proetus, enraged, drove him from the house and sent him to be killed by the King of Lykia. But there Bellerophon overcame all obstacles with his trusty flying horse Pegasus and revealed his heroic nature (Iliad 6.154ff).

Euripides, among others, tells the same old story in his Hippolytus. Theseus' second wife Phaedra became sexually obsessed with her step-son, Hippolytus. When he wouldn't sleep with her, she killed herself—but still managed to destroy Hippolytus' life from beyond the grave. She left a note saying that Hippolytus had raped her. And so Theseus banished his son from Athens and called down fatal curses on his head.

You'll notice a common theme here—and it's not just that women's rape charges are false. What's so striking is that these stories (written by men, incidentally) claim that women's charges of rape are not about the uncontrolled lust of men. That's not the problem, oh no. Rather, these false claims of rape stem from the frustrated, dangerous, uncontrollable passion of women.

You may recall Sen. Howell Heflin, an Alabama Republican, tapping into our common understanding of these mythic themes when he asked Anita Hill whether she was "a scorned woman." Please.

Of course, mythology does sometimes admit that men do rape women. And these stories are instructive as well.

Take the tale of Philomela as told by the Roman poet Ovid (Metamorphoses, Book 6.424f). King Tereus of Thrace lusted for his wife's sister, Philomela, and raped her. Afterward, he threatened her in order to keep her silent. But Philomela was defiant and planned to tell all. And so Tereus cut out her tongue.

The spectacle of what women are put through when they make allegations against powerful men is the modern-day equivalent—meant to scare and to silence women, to shut them up. In the myth, however, Philomela, tongue-less and silent, nevertheless managed to tell her story to her sister Procne by weaving it into a tapestry. And so the two sisters killed Tereus' son and served him to his father for dinner.

Note how the myth still manages to turn the audience against the woman, even when she has been raped. The inappropriate and disproportionate response of killing the innocent child underscores again the irrationality and dangerous passion of women. But for me the myth of Philomela also has a heartening prophecy: If you rape us, if you harass us, if you attack us, somehow, we women will find the courage to speak out.

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bad. Cumulative stress is debilitating.

So how does one treat depression?

Many times one cannot know the triggers that caused depression in an individual. There is somewhat of a familial connection as it may run in families. Regardless, the idea is to return your brain to a time when it functioned normally despite the stress. When you did not feel chronically ill regardless of your overall health and where you are able to feel happy alone, not relying on diverting your attention to keep your mind off your depression.

In other words, a time when you were at peace.

The modern medications for depression allow the neurotransmitters that allow homeostasis to stay around a little longer. They are known as re-uptake inhibitors. They allow the natural chemicals of the brain to remain in the connection areas for a little longer, thus allowing the brain to function the way it is supposed to.

Cognitive behavioral therapy, or CBT, in addition to medications or without can be very beneficial to individuals with depression. Counseling teaches you to deal with the stressors that lead to depression and teaches you to face issues that are bothering you head on.

As you can see, the combination is very effective in allowing one to get on stable footing and move forward.

I usually like to use a medicine plus or minus counseling depending on the source of the stressors.

I usually recommend a six-month course of meds and then we can back off and see how the patient does.

The medicines we use take about 6-8 weeks to reach full effect so when I see a good response at two weeks I know the patient is going to do well.

We have increasing availability of counseling available on island now so it is easier than in the recent past.

Gov. Torres has pledged his support for mental health treatment throughout the CNMI and we are increasingly able to deal with this and to raise the quality of life for our brothers and sisters.

Here is a link to the Hamilton depression scale that is used by clinicians to assess your level of depression.

It is a questionnaire that is valid in assessing for depression: https://www.psychcongress.com/saundras-corner/scales-screeners/depression/hamilton-depression-rating-scale-ham-d

If you feel that any of this applies to you then see your health care provider and discuss it with them.

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The workplace and social settings are equally dangerous. A survey released earlier this year by the non-profit organization Stop Street Harassment found that 81 percent of women said they had faced some form of sexual assault or harassment. One in four said they had survived a sexual assault. More than 50 percent said they had been sexually groped or touched in an inappropriate manner.

It's important that men and women work together to find solutions. One proven method of fighting workplace harassment is encouraging bystanders to step up and stop inappropriate workplace behavior when they see it. This approach should become standard procedure in all walks of life.

We also need more women in elected office for they will raise awareness of the problem and push for solutions.

It should be an embarrassment to the Republican Party that it does not have a single woman representing the party on the Senate Judiciary Committee. Democrats have little reason to feel superior. Overall, women make up only 21 percent of the members of the U.S. Senate and 19 percent of the House of Representatives.

The Kavanaugh hearing provided a rude awakening of who we are and what we stand for. Far too little progress has been made since the last Supreme Court nominee faced accusations of sexual behavior.

It shouldn't take another Anita Hill or Christine Blasey Ford for the Senate, Congress, the president and the nation to wake up—and stand up.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy in the morning then becoming mostly cloudy. Isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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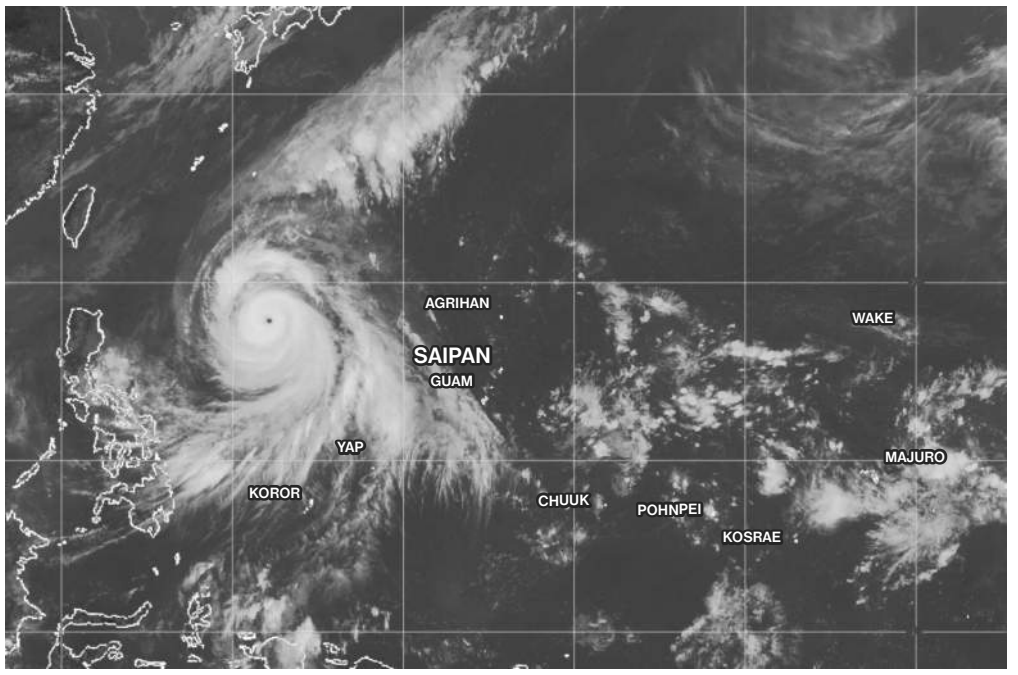

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Satellite shows Super Typhoon Kong-rey well to the west-northwest of Guam and an upper-level low just to the east near 14N148E. Right now the Marianas are between these features in an area of subsidence. The buoys reveal a 3 foot trade-wind swell and a 7 foot west swell from Super Typhoon Kong-rey.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	85° / 79°
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°
Chuuk	Mostly Sunny	86° / 80°
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	88° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	87° / 77°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	87° / 82°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	64° / 52°
Beijing	Sunny	79° / 52°
Hong Kong	Sunny	84° / 73°
Honolulu	Mostly Cloudy	87° / 75°
London	Partly Cloudy	70° / 52°
Los Angeles	Showers	70° / 63°
Manila	Thunderstorms	88° / 79°
Melbourne	Cloudy	61° / 46°
Miami	Mostly Sunny	88° / 78°
New York	Mostly Sunny	76° / 63°
Osaka	Rain	72° / 68°
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	66° / 45°
Busan	Windy	73° / 66°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	77° / 57°
Salem	Showers	85° / 68°
San Francisco	Showers	64° / 54°
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	72° / 54°
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	75° / 64°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	85° / 67°

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12:14 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.68
7:56 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.08
3:26 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.74
8:49 PM	LOW TIDE	1.20

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:06 AM	6:05 PM
Thursday	6:07 AM	6:04 PM
Friday	6:07 AM	6:03 PM
Saturday	6:07 AM	6:03 PM
Sunday	6:07 AM	6:02 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	1:16 PM	-
Thursday	12:58 AM	2:12 PM	-
Friday	1:59 AM	3:07 PM	-
Saturday	3:00 AM	3:58 PM	-
Sunday	4:00 AM	4:46 PM	-

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA105	4:55am	5:41am	3, 5
UA117	8:45am	9:30am	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	7:00am	7:45am	Daily
UA104	11:30pm	12:16am+1	2, 4

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW9308	1:10am	4:10am	3, 4
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW9308	3:20am	6:30am	2
TW9308	3:25am	6:30am	5
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:10pm	7:45pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:10pm	Daily
TW9307	6:30pm	12:10am+1	2, 3
TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ625	8:40pm	2:10am+1	7
TW9307	9:00pm	2:20am+1	1
TW9307	9:05pm	2:25am+1	4
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:30am	1, 4, 5, 7

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	11:00am	1
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:35pm	5:00am+1	7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:35am	2, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	8:20pm	2:50am+1	1, 5

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:55pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA117/183	8:45am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA117/183	8:45am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	8:45am	10:40pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	2:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA192/174	9:45pm	7:45am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA184/174 via GUM	10:25pm	7:45am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
PR110/UA174	10:55pm	7:45am+1	Daily via GUM
UA184/174	11:30pm	7:45am+1	2, 5 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:30am	8:25am	1
UO43	6:00am	8:40am	1, 3, 5
UA117/159	8:45am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	2:10am+1	7 via ICN
HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:25pm	1:25am+1	7
UO42	9:25pm	4:30am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/174	10:45pm	7:45am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Business

Trump hails NAFTA revamp, Trudeau calls it 'win-win-win'

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump hailed his revamped North American trade agreement with Canada and Mexico as a breakthrough for U.S. workers on Monday, vowing to sign it by late November. But it still faces a lengthy path to congressional approval after serving for two decades as a political football for American manufacturing woes.

Embracing the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, which the Canadians joined just before a Sunday midnight deadline, Trump branded it the "USMCA," a moniker he said would replace the 24-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA. With a satisfied smile, the president said the new name had a "good ring to it," repeating U-S-M-C-A several times.

But he noted that the agreement would need to be ratified by Congress, a step that could be affected by the outcome of the fall elections as Democrats seek to regain majorities in the House and Senate. When a reporter suggested he seemed confident of approval after his announcement, he said he was "not at all confident"—but not because of the deal's merits or defects.

"Anything you submit to Congress is trouble, no matter what," Trump said, predicting that Democrats would say, "Trump likes it so we're not going to approve it."

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Monday that his country was in a more stable place now that it had completed the negotiations. He said the deal needed to be fair since one trading partner was 10 times larger. He said Canada did not simply accept "any deal."

"We got the right deal. We got a win-win-win for all three countries," Trudeau said.

Likewise, outgoing Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto said via Twitter that the deal negotiated over the past 13 months "achieves what we proposed at the beginning: a win-win-win agreement."

AP
President Donald Trump acknowledges the crowd as he finishes speaking at a rally Monday, Oct. 1, 2018, in Johnson City, Tenn.

Despite Trump's jibe at the Democrats, their comments on the agreement were largely muted, though many lawmakers said the way the provisions of the deal are enforced would be critical.

"As someone who voted against NAFTA and opposed it for many years, I knew it needed fixing. The president deserves praise for taking large steps to improve it," said Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York. He said any final agreement "must be judged on how it benefits and protects middle class families and the working people in our country."

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, an independent who sought the 2016 Democratic presidential nomination, said that while the plan included "some improvements that could be good for U.S. workers, it lacks enforcement mechanisms that are necessary for these policies to succeed."

Trump, for his part, said the accord would return the United States to a "manufacturing powerhouse."

In fact, the U.S. has always been a manufacturing powerhouse and by some projections—made before he took office—is expected to be No. 1 in 2020.

The new agreement was forged just before a midnight deadline imposed by the U.S. to include Canada in a deal reached with Mexico late in the summer. It replaces NAFTA, which Trump has lambasted as a job-wrecking disaster that has hollowed out the nation's industrialized base.

NAFTA has long been a lightning rod for criticism among labor unions and manufacturing workers since it was being negotiated in the early 1990s during President George H.W. Bush's administration and later implemented by President Bill Clinton.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Ex-Pima County justice of peace accused of false tax return

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—A former Pima County justice of the peace has been indicted for making a false tax return and telling the Internal Revenue Service that luxury sports cars he bought were business expenses for his bus company. Federal prosecutors say Keith Bee is facing three counts of making a false tax return and one count of corruptly endeavoring to impede the administration. He pleaded not guilty at his arraignment last Friday in U.S. District Court in Tucson. His trial is scheduled for Nov. 6. The indictment states Bee falsely claimed the purchase of six cars plus construction work that included a custom garage for the vehicles were business expenses of Bee Line Transportation. Bee didn't run for reelection this year and retired as a county justice of the peace last month.

Connecticut state lawmakers want review of gas pipelines

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Two Connecticut legislators want state regulators to conduct a comprehensive review of the state's natural gas infrastructure in light of the recent deadly explosions in neighboring Massachusetts. Democratic Reps. Christopher Rosario of Bridgeport and Matthew Lesser of Middletown sent a letter on Monday to Katie Scharf Dykes, the chairwoman of the state's Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, seeking information about whether Connecticut residents face a similar risk. Three Massachusetts communities were affected by a series of gas explosions and fires earlier this month that killed one person, injured some 25 others and damaged or destroyed dozens of homes and businesses. The lawmakers are seeking information concerning the staffing levels of pipeline inspectors, the extent of leak-prone gas distribution pipeline and other matters. A message was left seeking comment with PURA officials.

Texas surf resort tested after 'brain-eating amoeba' death

WACO, Texas (AP)—Test results are expected later this week after a man who visited a landlocked surf resort in Central Texas died from a rare "brain-eating amoeba," local health officials said Monday. Fabrizio Stabile, a 29-year-old from New Jersey, died on Sept. 21 after falling ill with Naegleria fowleri, a rare but deadly amoeba that can cause a brain infection. People are usually infected when contaminated water enters the body through the nose, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It wasn't immediately clear when Stabile visited the BSR Cable Park's Surf Resort in Waco, but the facility voluntarily closed Friday. Symptoms generally start about five days after infection, with death occurring about five days later, according to the CDC. Waco-McLennan County Public Health District spokesman Kelly Craine told The Associated Press on Monday that a team from the CDC conducted a range of testing at the facility.

UK Brexit chief criticizes EU as divided Conservatives meet

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP)—Britain's Brexit chief appealed for Conservative Party unity on Monday, as he warned the European Union that the U.K. will leave the bloc without a divorce deal rather than accept one that makes Britain follow too many EU rules.

Brexit Secretary Dominic Raab's call to "come together, because this is a moment for the optimists" fell largely on deaf ears at the Conservative conference in Birmingham. Instead, pro-Brexit politicians took pot-shots at the EU, pro-EU Conservatives battled to stop the U.K.'s exit from the bloc—and British Prime Minister Theresa May was caught in the middle, trying to cling to power.

The Conservatives are holding their annual meeting in the central English city 10 days after EU leaders told May that her proposed divorce terms were unacceptable. That rejection has sparking an impasse in Brexit negotiations and a crisis for Britain's leader, with less than six months to go until Britain leaves the 28-nation bloc on March 29.

Raab accused the EU of casting "jibes" at Britain and having a "theological approach (that) allows no room for serious compromise."

Raab said that if the EU tried to "lock us in via the back door"—by keeping Britain in the bloc's single market or customs union—"then we will be left with no choice but to leave without a deal."

Raab's combative comments followed Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt's remark on Sunday that the EU should not try to prevent a smooth departure by Britain because "it was the Soviet Union that stopped people leaving." His comparison of a bloc that includes several former Communist countries to the USSR drew a rebuke from former British diplomats and from the EU.

"We would all benefit, and in particular foreign affairs ministers, from opening a history book from time to time," said European Commission spokesman Margaritis Schinas.

Pro-Brexit flag-waving got a warmer reception at the Conservative conference, where party members mixed with lobbyists, think-tank academics and a group of men dressed as soldiers from the Battle of Bosworth in 1485—a time when Britain was engulfed in civil war and Europe seemed far away.

May, meanwhile, faces a growing threat to her leadership amid deepening opposition to her Brexit plan, which would keep Britain in the EU single market for goods—in return for following EU regulations—while leaving it free to make its own rules on services.

Advocates of "hard Brexit" argue that would make the U.K. a "vassal" of the EU, whereas a clean break with the bloc would let Britain strike new trade deals around the world.

Former Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson, a rival of May's who is a likely future contender for her job, has called the prime minister's plan "preposterous" and "deranged." Johnson is set to address party delegates on Tuesday, a day before May's keynote speech to the conference.

STOCK PORTFOLIO

LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
26,651.21	2,924.59	8,037.30
+192.90	+10.61	−9.05
+0.73%	+0.36%	−0.11%

EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

Australian Dollar	1.3850	Hong Kong Dollar	7.8360	Russian Ruble	64.9306
British Pound	0.7673	Indian Rupee	72.2178	Singapore Dollar	1.3741
Canadian Dollar	1.2806	Japanese Yen	113.9470	South Korean Won	1094.93
Chinese Yuan	6.7588	Malaysian Ringgit	4.0963	Swiss Franc	0.9840
Euro	0.8654	New Zealand Dollar	1.5144	Taiwan Dollar	30.1072
		Philippine Peso	53.2074	Thailand Baht	32.2805

Nation

Despite hurricane, at-risk Houston students made gains

HOUSTON (AP)—In the chaotic aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, Principal Jonathan Trinh feared the worst for his Houston high school.

He took in a hundred new pupils displaced by the storm, his students' overwhelmingly low-income families were struggling with lost jobs and other distractions, and Trinh worried this would be the year that test scores sank enough to make his Wisdom High School a target for state intervention.

But when the scores came out recently, there was only celebration. Wisdom and other Houston schools with some of the largest populations of at-risk students defied expectations and showed improvement in state scores — a feat attributed to perseverance in the face of adversity, and changes to the state accountability ratings that put more emphasis on progress.

Trinh gives credit to the resilience of the school community. He has lived in Houston since arriving as a Vietnamese refugee in 1978, and his immigrant background is a bond he shares with the large majority of the school's students.

"Our teachers, our students — somehow they made it work," Trinh said. "A lot of us endure so much."

Lorena Alaniz, an 18-year-old senior at Wisdom, maintained a 3.5 GPA despite having to work part-time to help her family rebuild their flooded home.

AP

In this Aug. 30, 2018 photo, Lorena Alaniz, a senior at Wisdom High School in Houston, reads a textbook in her Spanish class.

"Some days I would wake up in the morning and tell myself, 'I want to drop out. I want to just leave. But I can't,'" Alaniz said as she sat in her school's cafeteria. "I know I can and I have to keep going for myself, for my family. So I chose not to give up."

As the Carolinas are now experiencing in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, the storm that hit Houston was hugely disruptive for schools. The Category 4 hurricane that hit in August 2017 caused an estimated $125 billion in damage and closed Houston-area schools for weeks on end. About 10 percent of students in Houston schools were displaced by the storm, state records show.

In the Carolinas, where schools were closed for tens of thousands of students, officials are still assessing damage from the storm that made landfall on Sept. 14. Among other measures to help districts deal with the storm's effects North Carolina officials have been looking into waivers to exempt schools from state calendar requirements.

For Houston school leaders, there was extra motivation in the decision by Texas officials not to excuse all schools in the Houston Independent School District from state testing ramifications. A third of the district's 281 campuses, including Wisdom, were not eligible for a state waiver, which was determined by the number of teachers and students displaced, school closure days or physical damage to the buildings. They were on the hook for their academic performance despite plenty of their own storm-related disruptions.

Some schools had not met state standards in so long that another failing grade could have triggered a forced takeover of the school campus or district board but, in the end, none of the schools in the greatest peril needed the waiver. Four schools that began the school year under threat of state take-over all managed to pass state tests for the first time in years.

At Worthing High School, one of the four at-risk schools, Principal Khalilah Campbell helped find new housing for multiple struggling families after they lost subsidized housing. Three-fourths of the historically black school's students came from low-income families and less than half were meeting state achievement standards.

Campbell said she stayed focused by tapping every available resource. And ultimately, the number of students who met state standards in algebra doubled. They also made gains in English and history.

Trump predicts havoc if Democrats take over Congress

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (AP)—As the fate of his Supreme Court pick hangs in the balance, President Donald Trump barnstormed for a Republican Senate candidate in Tennessee, warning that Democrats will unleash havoc if they gain control of Congress and accusing them of trying to sink his nominee.

"A Democratic takeover of Congress will plunge our country into gridlock and chaos and take away all of the wealth that you've earned over the last 20 months," Trump warned Monday night, claiming without evidence that the stock market would plummet, 401(k)s disappear, taxes rise beyond "your wildest imagination," and crime go through the roof.

It was a dire picture painted by a president eager to convince his raucous supporters of what's at stake in November as he headlined a high-dollar, closed-door fundraiser and appeared at a packed rally in Johnson City to boost U.S. Rep. Marsha Blackburn in her tight Senate race against the state's Democratic ex-Gov. Phil Bredesen for the seat being vacated by retiring Republican Sen. Bob Corker.

Trump praised Blackburn as a "true fighter" for the state, telling the crowd, "She's all about Tennessee values."

"A vote for Marsha is really a vote for me," he said.

Bredesen, like other Democratic candidates across Trump country, has painted himself as a pragmatist willing to work with the president on certain issues. The Tennessee campaign is among several closely watched races expected to determine control of the Senate, where Republicans are desperate to defend a narrow two-seat majority in the face of surging Democratic enthusiasm.

And the stakes couldn't be clearer. The rally came as the FBI investigated sexual misconduct allegations against Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh — a probe that was forced by a small group of undecided senators who could doom the nomination. Earlier Monday, Trump disputed reports that his White House tried to narrow the scope of the probe and limit which witnesses the FBI could interview, saying he wants them "to do a very comprehensive investigation, whatever that means."

But Trump was far less sympathetic in front of his enthusiastic rally crowd, accusing Democrats of trying to slow down the investigation and insisting that nothing will come of it.

"If we took 10 years, they'd want more time," he complained, charging that Democratic senators are "willing to do anything or hurt anyone" to subvert his agenda, including taking down his nominee.

"They're trying to destroy a very fine person, and we can't let it happen," Trump said.

ACROSS THE NATION

FBI agent shot by booby-trapped wheelchair in Oregon home

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—A former southern Oregon property owner has been charged with assault on a federal officer after authorities say an FBI agent sent to the property was shot from a booby-trapped wheelchair. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports that authorities responded to the home in Williams on Sept. 7 at the request of a lawyer tasked with selling the property. A criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Medford says officers found multiple traps and that the agent was wounded in the leg when he entered the home. Authorities say the makeshift weapons were created by Gregory Rodvelt, who was forced to forfeit his property as part of an elder abuse case. The Mail Tribune reports Rodvelt is in Arizona's Maricopa County Jail, where he's in the midst of an assault trial in a separate case. Court records show he has refused a court-appointed defense lawyer.

Mother says it's a miracle her son survived shark attack

SAN DIEGO (AP)—The mother of a 13-year-old boy who suffered a large shark bite while lobster fishing in California said Monday that it's a miracle her son survived. Keane Webre-Hayes ate a cup of noodles and a doughnut and is talking and alert, said his mother, Ellie Hayes. He is eager to resume playing baseball and get back in the ocean. Someone brought a mask and snorkel to him at Rady Children's Hospital in San Diego, and he said he wasn't afraid of the water. "He said, 'Mom, the chances are so much more slim on the second bite," she said to laughter of reporters who heard her speak publicly about Saturday's attack for the first time. Hayes said she was standing on a cliff in the parking lot in the San Diego suburb of Encinitas when she heard the commotion, though she didn't see the shark.

Bear, cubs kill an Alaska worker at remote silver mine

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—A female bear and her two cubs mauled and killed a young man working at a remote mine site on a southeast Alaska island with one of the highest bear densities in the state, authorities said Monday. Anthony David Montoya, 18, a contract worker from Hollis, Oklahoma, died at a remote drill site accessible only by helicopter, according to Hecla Greens Creek Mine and authorities. Mine officials said workers receive training on how to deal with bears because of the large number in the area. Alaska State Troopers said Montoya was mauled by the three bears, all of which were killed before they arrived. It was not immediately clear who killed them. Montoya worked for Idaho-based Timberline Drilling, which provides core drilling services at Greens Creek, the mine said in a release. His body was being taken to the state medical examiner's office for an autopsy.

Asia

Desperation everywhere, aid slow to reach Indonesia victims

PALU, Indonesia (AP)—Desperation was visible everywhere Tuesday among victims receiving little aid in areas heavily damaged by a massive earthquake and tsunami, four days after the disaster devastated parts of Indonesia's central Sulawesi island. Signs propped along roads read "We Need Food" and "We Need Support," while children begged for cash in the streets and long lines of cars snarled traffic as people waited for fuel.

Teams were searching for trapped survivors under destroyed homes and buildings, including a collapsed eight-story hotel in the hard-hit city of Palu, but they needed more heavy equipment to clear the rubble.

Desperation was evident across Palu, a city of more than 380,000 people that was hard-hit by both the quake and the tsunami, its force apparently magnified in the surrounding inlet.

Many people were believed trapped under shattered houses in Palu's Balaroa neighborhood, where the earthquake caused the ground to heave up and down violently, said disaster agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho.

"I and about 50 other people in Balaroa were able to save ourselves by riding on a mound of soil which was getting higher and higher," resident Siti Hajat told MetroTV, adding her house was destroyed.

In the Petobo neighborhood, the quake caused loose, wet soil to liquefy, creating a thick, heavy mud that caused massive damage. "In Petobo, it is estimated that there are still hundreds of victims buried in mud," Nugroho said.

Residents who found loved ones—alive and dead—over the weekend expressed frustration that it took rescue teams until Monday to reach Petobo.

The confirmed death toll of 844, mostly from Palu, is expected to rise as authorities reach cut-off areas. The regencies of Donggala, Sigi and Parigi Moutong—with a combined population of 1.2 million—had yet to be fully assessed. The magnitude 7.5 earthquake struck at dusk Friday and generated a tsunami said to have been as high as 6 meters (20 feet) in places.

About 3,000 residents flocked to Palu's airport, trying to board military aircraft or one of the few commercial flights using the facility only partially operating due to damage. Video showed some of them screaming in anger because they were not able to get on a departing military plane.

"We have not eaten for three days!" one woman yelled. "We just want to be safe!"

Nearly 50,000 people have been displaced from their homes in Palu alone, Nugroho said, and hospitals were overwhelmed.

The Indonesian air force confirmed that a Hercules aircraft carrying an unspecified number of survivors was able to leave Palu for South Sulawesi's capital of Makassar.

Indonesian President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo authorized the acceptance of international help, Nugroho said, adding that generators, heavy equipment and tents were among the most-needed items. The European Union and 10 countries have offered assistance, including the United States, Australia and China, he said.

"We will send food today, as much as possible with several aircraft," Widodo told reporters in the capital, Jakarta, adding that a supply of fuel was also set to arrive.

The coastline at Palu was strewn with rubble and a few brightly colored cargo containers poking out of the water. Buildings near the water were ruined shells. The arches of a large yellow bridge rested in the water and eerie drone footage showed a Ferris wheel, untouched, on a beach scraped bare by the waves.

Rescuers searching a collapsed building Monday night were able to remove 38-year-old Sapri Nusin alive from the rubble. He was talking to his rescuers as they took him away but his condition was not known.

In the Petobo neighborhood, Edi Setiawan said he and his neighbors rescued children and adults, including a pregnant woman. His sister and father, however, did not survive.

"My sister was found embracing her father," he said. "My mother was able to survive after struggling against the mud and being rescued by villagers."

AP

A man takes a photo of a car lifted into the air with his mobile phone following a massive earthquake and tsunami at Talise beach in Palu, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia, Monday, Oct. 1, 2018.

ASIAN BRIEFS

US says Chinese destroyer came dangerously close to US ship

BEIJING (AP)—The U.S. Pacific Fleet says a U.S. Navy ship had to maneuver to prevent a collision with a Chinese destroyer in the South China Sea that came aggressively close to the American vessel. U.S. Pacific Fleet Spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Tim Gorman says the Chinese destroyer approached the USS Decatur in an "unsafe and unprofessional maneuver" on Sunday near Gaven Reefs in the South China Sea. Gorman said Tuesday that the Chinese destroyer approached within 45 yards (41 meters) of the Decatur's bow, forcing it to maneuver. China claims most of the strategic waterway. The Chinese defense ministry says it opposes the U.S. warship's entry into the waters "around China's islands and reefs." It confirmed a Chinese missile destroyer was immediately deployed to identify the U.S. warship and drive it away.

Vietnam's former Communist Party Chief Do Muoi dies at 101

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—Former General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam Do Muoi, who worked against the French colonial government and became a committed communist, has died at age 101. The government said in an announcement posted on its website that Muoi died late Monday night at the National Military Hospital 108 after battling a serious illness despite efforts by Vietnamese and foreign doctors to treat him. "Comrade Do Muoi had gone through various working positions and made great contribution to the revolutionary cause of the Party and nation," the statement said. State media quoted Phan Trong Kinh, Muoi's adviser, as saying that the former general secretary was admitted to the hospital nearly six months ago after having fever and breathing difficulties. Muoi had lung and kidney problems, he said adding Muoi was alert, listening to his daily news briefing but could not talk for several months.

North Korea says peace declaration not a bargaining chip

TOKYO (AP)—North Korea warned Washington through its state media Tuesday that a declaration ending the Korean War shouldn't be seen as a bargaining chip in denuclearization talks—but suggested lifting sanctions might be.

The North's official news agency issued a commentary claiming Pyongyang has taken significant measures to end hostile relations between the two countries but said the U.S. is "trying to subdue" it through sanctions, a not-so-subtle call for Washington to lift sanctions if it wants further progress in their stalled nuclear negotiations.

The commentary said a declaration replacing a 65-year-old armistice to formally end the war "is not just a gift from a man to another," and added, "it can never be a bargaining chip for getting the DPRK denuclearized."

The DPRK is short for the North's official name—the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The commentary was directed at supporters of the U.S. policy to maintain maximum pressure and sanctions on North Korea until it has made clear and significant moves to denuclearize.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo—a vocal advocate of that policy—is expected to travel to Pyongyang soon to try to revive the negotiation process and set the stage for a second summit between President Donald Trump and leader Kim Jong Un.

The commentary echoes a speech by North Korea's foreign minister, Ri Yong Ho, at the United Nations last week in which he claimed North Korea is ready to implement the agreements Trump and Kim made during their first summit, in Singapore in June, but also accused Washington of failing to demonstrate its willingness to ease tensions and build mutual trust.

"Without any trust in the U.S., there will be no confidence in our national security," he said, "and under such circumstances there is no way we will unilaterally disarm ourselves first."

The North's emphasis on lifting sanctions and building trust above all else puts a spotlight on the rift between its position and Washington's since the Singapore summit, when Trump and Kim issued a vague statement about a nuclear-free peninsula without describing when and how it would occur.

Negotiations between Washington and Pyongyang have since been rocky, with neither side able to agree on a starting point and widespread skepticism in the United States over whether Pyongyang is serious about renouncing an arsenal it sees as the only way to guarantee its safety.

Hopes for progress in the talks got a boost last month, when South Korean President Moon Jae-in met with Kim in Pyongyang for their third summit.

The summit resulted in a joint statement in which the North expressed willingness for a "permanent" dismantling of its main nuclear facility in Nyongbyon—if the United States takes corresponding measures—and the dismantling of a missile engine test site and launch pad in northwestern North Korea.

What the North would see as corresponding measures wasn't specified. But Tuesday's commentary and the U.N. statement suggest sanctions are a primary concern.

The 1950-53 Korean War ended in what was intended to be a temporary ceasefire. Moon and Kim are pushing for the end-of-war declaration by December. The declaration would be less difficult to make than a formal peace treaty, and Moon says he and Kim have agreed such a "political declaration" wouldn't require the pullout of 28,500 U.S. troops stationed in South Korea.

World

Trump dominated UN, but US nationalism at odds with world

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—U.S. President Donald Trump dominated this year's gathering of global leaders that ended Monday, but his rejection of "the ideology of globalism" left America almost singlehandedly holding a nationalist banner against urgent calls from an overwhelming number countries for the world to work together.

U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres opened the week-long meeting last Tuesday declaring that global cooperation is the world's best hope and warning that "multilateralism is under fire precisely when we need it most." And General Assembly President Maria Espinosa Garces wrapped up the meeting, during which all 193 U.N. member nations spoke, saying that one of its major achievements was strong global backing for the U.N. and multilateralism.

The high turnout of leaders—121 presidents, prime ministers and monarchs—"is because the world cares about the United Nations and the world cares about multilateralism, and the need to strengthen the multilateral agenda," Espinosa Garces said in a news conference. And the General Assembly is the body "for international coexistence."

But Trump's speech, not long after Guterres', poured scorn on multilateralism and touted his "America First" policy, saying his administration has achieved more "than almost any administration in the history of our country," which sparked chuckles and outright laughter from some leaders.

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President Donald Trump pounds a gavel before addressing the United Nations Security Council during the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly, at U.N. headquarters, Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018.

"We will never surrender America's sovereignty to an unelected, unaccountable, global bureaucracy," the U.S. president said. "America is governed by Americans. We reject the ideology of globalism, and we embrace the doctrine of patriotism."

One of the very few countries to speak out for nationalism was Hungary, which has erected razor wire fences to keep people out. Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto called migration the greatest challenge in history, saying "migratory waves" are creating huge security risks, destabilizing countries, and bringing terrorism to a region where it did not exist before.

"The international community must respect sovereignty of the countries," he said.

But speaker after speaker over the week stressed the importance of global cooperation, starting with French President Emmanuel Macron, a progressive, multilateralist, who told the General Assembly: "Nationalism always leads to defeat."

Canada's U.N. Ambassador Marc-Andre Blanchard told Monday's final session that "the magnitude of the contemporary challenges the world is confronting"—including climate change, terrorism, economic inequality, irregular migration and protracted crises—"require the world to work together."

"The U.N. is the only place where we all come together to tackle these challenges," he said, but the U.N. and other institutions established after World War II must work together to make them "more efficient, fairer and more inclusive."

Trump faced pushback on other U.S. policies he trumpeted, including his historic meeting in June with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and his "push for peace." At the same time, he insisted that tough sanctions would remain until the Korean peninsula is denuclearized.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov countered that the U.S. should consider matching Kim's positive steps—including halting nuclear and missile tests and actions to dismantle related facilities—with an easing of sanctions.

Trump also faced pushback on Iran, which he called a "brutal regime" and a "corrupt dictatorship" whose leaders "sow chaos, death and destruction." He denounced the "horrible" 2015 nuclear deal with Iran which the Obama administration signed along with Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany, saying that's why the U.S. withdrew and re-imposed sanctions on Tehran.

But in a rebuke to Trump, foreign ministers from the five countries that still support the deal agreed at one of some 400 meetings on the sidelines of the General Assembly to establish a financial facility in the European Union to facilitate payments for Iranian imports and exports including oil—a key move sought by Tehran to counter U.S. sanctions.

Catalans display devotion to independence on anniversary

SANT JULIA DE RAMIS, Spain (AP)—Activists blocked railway lines, students skipped classes and supporters of Catalonia seceding from Spain marched in large numbers Monday to mark the anniversary of a referendum that was part of a thwarted bid for independence last year.

The evening march in Barcelona, the region's capital, drew what local police estimated was a crowd of 180,000 people. A spontaneous spin-off demonstration produced a tense face-off between police and lingering protesters, capping a day of noisy and largely nonviolent demonstrations.

The anniversary of the event that sparked Spain's gravest political crisis in decades was marked by a fractured Catalan independence movement amid delicate talks on the region's future with the country's the center-left Socialist government.

Last year's Oct. 1 referendum in Catalonia, ruled illegal by a court, was stopped by Spanish police and failed in its bid to produce a separate Catalan state. For many Catalans, the vote has become a symbol of their long fight for self-determination.

As part of the one-year observances across the region, activists blocked roads and other major transportation routes while college and high school students boycotted classes and made emotional speeches at mass protests. The evening march turned downtown Barcelona into a colorful parade of banners and flags.

Several thousand people attended the follow-up street demonstration outside the National Police headquarters and hurled insults and small fireworks at riot police on the sidewalk. The standoff continued late into the night.

Outside the Catalan parliament, protesters pulled apart police barriers and held a sit-in as police reinforcements took up position, Spanish media reports said.

In Girona, north of Barcelona, demonstrators threw colored powders at police and pushed down barriers.

Earlier in the day, supporters of secession were forceful with their speech. In Barcelona, thousands of students walked behind a street-wide banner that read, "Not forgetting, not forgiving."

They shouted "Freedom for political prisoners," a reference to the separatist leaders who have been in pre-trial custody on rebellion and other charges for nearly a year.

Maria Vila, a protester who was placing "Republic under construction" stickers in one of Barcelona's main thoroughfare, said she wanted to highlight last year's violence and demand more progress on secession.

"The Catalan government has not done much and we are determined to make the Catalan Republic happen, in any way we can, even if it is by holding another referendum, a legal one," she told The Associated Press.

WORLD BRIEFS

US ambassador: Romanian judicial system under threat

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP)—The U.S. ambassador to Romania on Monday issued a stark warning to the country, claiming its justice system is being "dismantled" by lawmakers with "vested interests." Hans G. Klemm told law students that magistrates were being intimidated and "increasingly targeted politically, and in the media for court decisions and public opinions that political leaders see as endangering their private interests." Romanians have staged regular protests against legislative changes initiated by the left-wing government after they won election in 2016, saying they will make it harder to prosecute high-level corruption. Klemm said the contentious judicial overhaul risked turning back the clock "to the early 2000s, when the Romanian judiciary was plagued by corruption and political influence."

Dutch ban electric carts following crash that killed 4 kids

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)—The Dutch government is banning a type of electric cart used by many childcare centers to transport young children, saying that an initial investigation into a deadly collision last month has uncovered "potential security risks" with the vehicles. The government said Monday it is banning the vehicles known by the brand name Stint from public roads starting at midnight. The decision comes less than two weeks after a train slammed into a Stint at a railway crossing in the southern Netherlands, killing four young children and seriously injuring another child and the woman who was operating the vehicle. Infrastructure Minister Cora van Nieuwenhuizen says the probe so far has raised questions about construction of the vehicles that "could lead to the Stint stopping or no longer braking."

Suicide bomb targets Italian army trainers in Somali capital

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—A suicide car bomber on Monday targeted a European Union military convoy carrying Italian military trainers in the Somali capital, a Somali police officer said. The car bomber detonated his explosives-laden vehicle next to a military convoy near Somalia's defense ministry compound, injuring several soldiers, said Capt. Mohamed Hussein. One civilian was killed in the powerful blast, he said. Somalia's Islamic extremist rebels, al-Shabab, claimed responsibility for the blast through its radio arm, Andalus. There was no immediate comment from the European Union on the attack on its military convoy. The Italian military trainers were reportedly trainings members of the Somali army.

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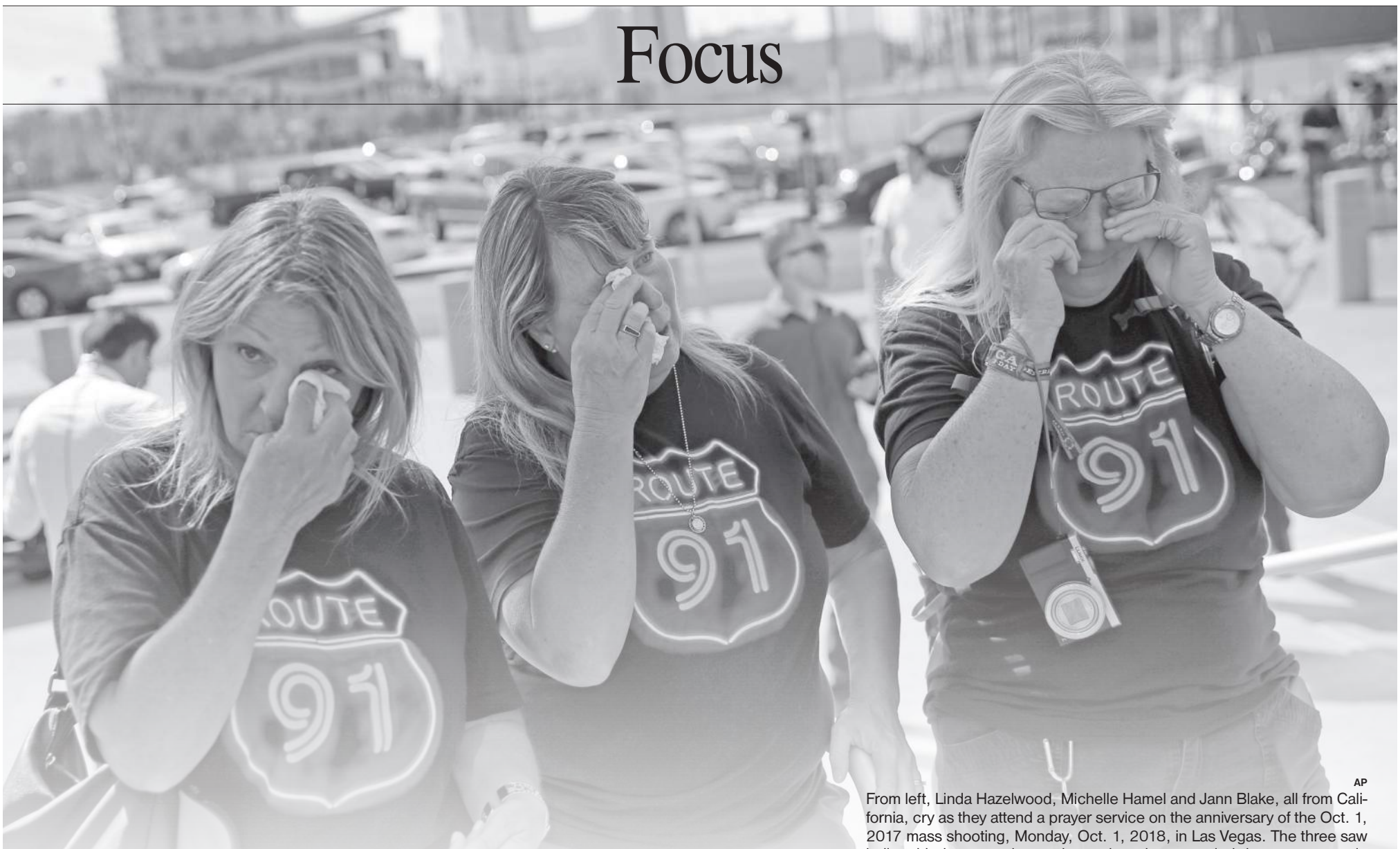

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From left, Linda Hazelwood, Michelle Hamel and Jann Blake, all from California, cry as they attend a prayer service on the anniversary of the Oct. 1, 2017 mass shooting, Monday, Oct. 1, 2018, in Las Vegas. The three saw bullets hit the ground near them when they attended the country music festival last year, and housed other attendees in their hotel room that night. "We needed this closure," said Jann Blake, "It's been a heavy year."

Vegas memorial:

'Pain that never really goes away'

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LAS VEGAS (AP)—A year after Jann Blake and two friends survived the gunfire at a country music festival in Las Vegas, the trio returned to the city Monday to mark the 12 months that have passed since the deadliest mass shooting in the nation's modern history.

"We need to have this. It's not a closure ceremony, it's more a remembrance," Blake said at an evangelical prayer vigil. "There was a lot of good. There were people in there that helped us get out."

Blake, of Menifee, California, along with Linda Hazelwood of Anaheim and Michelle Hamel of Yorba Linda—held hands and bowed heads at the ceremony at City Hall, one of many somber tributes marking the anniversary of the night that a gunman opened fire from a high-rise casino-resort suite on a crowd of 22,000 country music fans.

As dawn broke over the city Monday, a flock of doves were released at a ceremony, with each bird bearing a leg band with the name of one of the 58 people slain.

"Today we remember the unforgettable. Today, we comfort the inconsolable," Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval gathered told several hundred survivors , families of victims, first-responders and elected officials who gathered at the dawn ceremony at an outdoor amphitheater.

He added: "Today, we are reminded of the pain that never really goes away."

The sunrise ceremony kicked off a day of memorials, prayer services, blood drives and dedications to commemorate the lives lost in the Oct. 1, 2017, shooting. The giant casino marquees were set to go dark in unison Monday night with the names of the victims to be read shortly after.

The festival venue that became a killing ground has not been used in the year since the shooting. MGM Resorts International, the owner of the property and Mandalay Bay hotel, has not said if or when it will reopen.

Company officials redirected curious people on Monday to a nearby Catholic church that offered a spot for "quiet reflection." They also reminded people about an evening dedication scheduled at the downtown Las Vegas Healing Garden, which became a memorial for victims of the shooting.

Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo recalled the chaos and confusion of the shooting, and the prayers to "heal broken hearts," blood banks filled with donors and "acts of kindness that comforted the suffering" that followed.

"When the sun rose the next morning, grief turned to anger, anger turned to resolve and resolve turned to action," Lombardo said.

Many who were cheering Jason Aldean's headline set on at the Route 91 Harvest Festival late Oct. 1, 2017 , said later they thought the rapid crack-crack-crack they heard was fireworks—until people fell dead, wounded, bleeding.

From across Las Vegas Boulevard, a gambler-turned-gunman with what police later called a meticulous plan but an unknown reason fired assault-style rifles for 11 minutes from 32nd-floor windows of the Mandalay Bay hotel into the concert crowd below. Police said he then killed himself.

Medical examiners later determined that all 58 deaths were from gunshots. Another 413 people were wounded, and police said at least 456 were injured fleeing the carnage.

Lombardo declared the police investigation finished in August, issuing a report that said hundreds of interviews and thousands of hours of investigative work could not provide answers to what made Stephen Craig Paddock unleash his hail of gunfire.

That has left unanswered the question of why a 64-year-old former accountant, real estate investor, small plane pilot and high-limit video poker player assembled his arsenal and attacked the concert crowd.

Paddock was characterized by police as a loner with no religious or political affiliations who became obsessed with guns, spent more than $1.5 million in the two years before the shooting and distanced himself from his girlfriend and family.

Paddock's gambling habits made him a sought-after casino patron. Over several days, Mandalay Bay employees readily let him use a service elevator to take suitcases to the $590-per-night suite he had been provided for free. The room had a commanding view of the Strip and the Route 91 Harvest Festival concert grounds across the street.

After breaking out windows, Paddock fired 1,057 shots in 11 minutes, police have said.

Jim Murren, the chief executive and CEO of MGM Resorts International, issued a statement calling the shooting "an unforgettable act of terror."

"Oct. 1 will forever be a day of remembrance, reflection and mourning as we struggle to comprehend the incomprehensible—the senseless act of evil that caused such a tragic loss of life, along with the suffering that we know continues," Murren said.

Good Housekeeping

ON GARDENING: Uproar Rose zinnia, a stunner with the pollinators

AP

Uproar Rose zinnia is the quintessential cottage garden flower and here partnered with Prairie Sun rudbeckia.

By NORMAN WINTER
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Uproar Rose zinnia was the real stunner in The Garden Guy's garden this summer when it came to both butterflies and hummingbirds and even now as we head into fall it's still the champ. It's amazing the 2009 winner of a cut-flower of the year would garner high pollinator accolades, too.

I wrote about this award-winning flower over a year ago but with a new town, and a new application I just had to tout it again based on my current findings. This year I went a little heavy, so to speak, on trying to attract hummingbirds to the garden, with Amistad salvia, Black and Bloom salvia, the new Mysty blue salvias and a bounty of cupheas. Uproar Rose zinnia was really to add splashes of pink shades to go with all of the violet and blue. I never dreamed they would delight the pollinators.

I knew they would bring in a butterfly or two but the daily ritual of the ruby-throated hummingbirds was simply amazing. You have to admit an annual zinnia that gives cut-flowers, brings in swallowtails and hummingbirds with abandon is pretty special. It is also easy to grow and is sure to get the children and grandchildren interested in gardening.

Uproar Rose is still a series of one, meaning there isn't an Uproar Yellow Red or any others. The fact that 'Uproar Rose' is the only one — and is still around — is amazing. It is also really special that garden centers offer a cut-flower transplant for sale. Garden Centers are much more inclined to sell those that we consider landscape zinnias, like the Profusion, Zahara, Dreamland or Magellan series.

Unlike those shorter cousins, 'Uproar Rose' will give you a bounty of blossoms all summer. Their large, dahlia-like blooms are borne on 24-30-inch stems. When spaced as recommended, they also show a good level of powdery mildew resistance.

While Florida and California can still plant most of us will be waiting until next spring. Though mine are still blooming in late September, we really can consider growing two crops, especially if we like to cut for the vase.

Whether you choose a package of 'Uproar Rose' zinnia seeds or get lucky enough to still find transplants, know that they prefer full sun to really put on a dazzling performance. This also aids in disease pressures.

Prepare beds by incorporating 3 to 4 inches of organic matter and 2 pounds of a slow release 12-6-6 fertilizer per 100 square feet of bed space. Direct-seed, or set out transplants that have little to no color showing.

Thin seedlings to around 6- to- 8 inches for the vigorous growth that is about to occur. My largest ones have about a 3-foot-wide spread, so you may really want a little wider spacing. Mulch when the seedlings are large enough or after setting out transplants. Side-dress the young plants in six to eight weeks with light applications of fertilizer.

Cut-flower growers should grow many of them in rows and with more of an agricultural look — after all, you will be cutting every day. If you don't think people will buy cut zinnias, you should see the Saturday farmers market here in Columbus, Ga.

Uproar zinnias look like the quintessential cottage garden flower partnered with rudbeckias, coreopsis, Shasta daisies and of course the salvias mentioned above.

Whether you choose 'Uproar Rose' or another variety, zinnias offer the ultimate bang for your buck and ease of growing. You will ask yourself how you could have ever forgotten this beloved flower.

The Garden Bug
Fall planting is fine for turfgrass, spring-blooming bulbs, cool-season vegetables, perennials, trees and shrubs. The cooler air is easier on both plants and gardeners, but the soil is still warm enough for roots to grow until the first freeze. Pests and diseases lessen in fall, and you also don't need to fertilize as you do in the spring and summer.
- Brenda Weaver
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October calendar of gardening chores and tips

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October is all about apples and bulbs, pumpkins and final harvests, raking a and more raking.

October is all about apples and bulbs, pumpkins and final harvests, raking — and more raking. Follow this day-by-day list of chores to keep your garden on track. When you're done, reward yourself with mulled cider as you hand out treats to the tricksters in your neighborhood.

1. Replace summer annuals with pansies. They'll bloom all fall and return in spring.

2. Cure potatoes in a humid, 50- to 60-degree spot for two weeks; then store in a dry, dark, 40-degree spot for use all winter.

3. Continue watering plants and trees, especially evergreens.

4. Pick the last fruit from trees and clear faded vegetable plants, leaving Brussels sprouts, cabbage and cauliflower to be harvested through fall.

5. Plant new trees and shrubs. If they come bare root, soak roots in water for eight hours before planting.

6. Plant bulbs in pots to grow indoors. They'll bloom earlier than they would outdoors, and your winter self will thank you.

7. Plant dormant, one-year rhubarb crowns for June harvest.

8. It's time to plant perennials. They'll fade soon, but they'll be back to brighten your garden next year.

9. For holiday blooms, start paperwhites. Place bulbs, pointy end up, in a shallow bowl of gravel with just enough water to reach bulb bottoms.

10. Plant shallots in prepared beds, just 2 inches below soil.

11. It's National Coming Out Day. Plant a rainbow of tulips, daffodils, snowdrops, hyacinths and Chionodoxa. You can keep planting until the ground freezes.

12. Cover ponds with netting to keep out fallen leaves.

13. To keep it healthy, continue mowing the grass until it stops growing.

14. Empty, clean, dry and store terra-cotta pots indoors. Leave them out, and they'll crack in the cold.

15. Today is the average first frost date on Long Island. Play it safe and bring in remaining tender plants and crops.

16. If you mulch carrots, leeks, parsley and Jerusalem artichokes after the first frost, they'll produce well into winter.

17. Rake and clean up perennial beds. Discard diseased plant parts in the trash and compost the rest.

18. Clear vegetable beds, then till compost, manure and lime into the soil.

19. Follow nature's cue: Plant roses when tree leaves begin changing color.

20. If any tree branches are dead or broken, prune them now, lest they break free in winter winds and cause damage or injury.

21. Remove "mummies" (shriveled fruit) from tree branches to help prevent disease.

22. If spring- or summer-blooming perennials are overgrown, dig up, divide and replant them now.

23. Disinfect tomato cages and stakes with a 10 percent bleach, 90 percent water solution, then store for the winter.

24. Clean up around roses and cut back long whips, but save the real pruning for spring. Apply potassium to soil for winter fortification (but don't use nitrogen).

25. Leave faded black-eyed Susans and coneflowers in the garden so their seeds can feed the birds over winter.

26. Wait until deciduous trees and shrubs lose their leaves before relocating them.

27. Mulch asparagus beds with 3 inches of well-rotted manure.

28. Don't apply winter mulch until the ground freezes.

29. Harvest chards, greens and kale.

30. Install wire guards around young fruit trees to protect against mouse and rabbit damage.

31. It's Halloween! Show off your garden to the neighborhood ghosts and goblins.

Life & Style

For Gaga, Cooper, cast, 'A Star Is Born' hits close to home

TORONTO (AP)—When Bradley Cooper saw Lady Gaga perform "La Vie en Rose" at a fundraiser at the home of entrepreneur Sean Parker, it wasn't one of the important moments along the road to making "A Star Is Born." It was, Cooper says, THE moment.

"She demolished the room," he recalls, still wide-eyed about it. "I knew that was plutonium."

Cooper

Cooper

The next day, Cooper went to Gaga's home in Malibu to confirm that what he had seen the night before was real. He arrived hungry. Gaga—whose friends call her by her real name, Stefani—fed him some leftover spaghetti, and the two East Coast, Italian American-raised performers (Cooper is from Philadelphia, Gaga New York) felt an immediate, natural connection. "Instantly," says Gaga. "When I saw his eyes, when I opened the door."

Within minutes, they were singing by Gaga's piano and "A Star Is Born" was, well, born.

"And when I heard him sing! My God! I stopped playing the piano and I was like, 'Bradley you can sing!'" said Gaga, sitting next to her co-star and director. "And he was like, 'Really?' And then he said, 'Let's film it.' He started filming it on his phone."

Cooper shakes his head. "It was nuts."

It can be hard to separate the already mythologized transformations—Cooper directs! Gaga acts!—that fueled "A Star Is Born" from the fictional fable of fame, itself. In both the movie's creation and in the finished product are lessons of bold chances and artistic integrity, of personal frailty and popular success. "A Star Is Born" is a movie mirrored by its making.

"A Star Is Born" is the fourth version of the story (or fifth, depending on how you count). First was George Cukor's "What Price Hollywood?" in 1932, followed by William Wellman's 1937 remake. Later came one with Judy Garland and James Mason in 1954 and one in 1973 with Barbra Streisand and Kris Kristofferson.

A new "A Star Is Born" has been in development for about two decades at Warner Bros., with various incarnations once planned around Will Smith and Whitney Houston, or Beyonce and Leonardo DiCaprio with Clint Eastwood directing. Cooper, who starred in Eastwood's "American Sniper," first discussed acting in the film for Eastwood before deciding to direct, too. For encouragement, Eastwood visited the set on the first day of shooting.

"I remember he said he liked my boots," says Gaga. "I turned bright red."

Cooper, though, put his own imprint on "A Star Is Born," retailoring the story and—he hopes—launching himself as a writer and director. With meticulous preparation, Cooper—ever the student—threw himself into the new role. Often, he could be found under a table in a scene with a monitor so as to be as close as possible to the actors. "He was tireless," says Sam Elliott, who plays Cooper's brother in the film. "He never quit on it, from beginning to end. It probably drove the studio nuts at some point that he wouldn't quit on it."

"Being 39 when I started this journey, I just realize: Time is the biggest currency. If I don't do what I keep feeling inside, constantly seeing shots in my head," Cooper says, trailing off. "I always knew that at some point I had to stop critiquing other movies and just make one."

Cooper stars as Jackson Maine, a hard-drinking, country-rock 'n' roll star in the vein of Gregg Allman. (Maine's band is played by Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real, Neil Young's regular backing band.) When Jackson ducks into a drag bar for a drink, he's blown away by Ally (Gaga), who's there singing—what else—"La Vie en Rose."

A naturally talented singer who has essentially given up on her music dreams, Ally has always been told her look (and her nose) isn't quite right. She and Jackson quickly fall in love, even as Jackson's drinking problem worsens, but not before they can together forge something honest and beautiful through music, catapulting Ally to stardom.

"When I'm watching it back, I see myself as a much younger girl, more like when I was 15 writing songs at the piano," says Gaga. "What Jackson is trying to teach her is something that I still want to give more of in my music now and in the future. It's the nakedness of talent."

A rare fervor has greeted Cooper's "A Star Is Born." Its trailer has been watched more than 10 million times, many of them repeat, misty-eyed views. And if there's one thing that accounts for its swoon-inducing power it's this self-empowering message of fame coming to those who are true to themselves.

It's something that resonates for many in the cast, too, like Anthony Ramos, who plays Ally's best friend. The 26-year-old actor, who grew up in the projects of Bushwick, Brooklyn, caught his big break when Lin-Manuel Miranda cast him in "Hamilton."

"I've had teachers tell me, 'You have to be this or you have to be that to be successful. You have to change the way you speak. You have to grow your hair out.' I've had people tell me all kinds of things to give me the formula for success," says Ramos. "But what I realize, which you find by the end of this movie, all you gotta do is love yourself and believe in yourself, and continue to be your truest self."

IN LOVING MEMORY

Vicente Muna Sablan

OCTOBER 30, 1965 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Predeceased by:

Parents: †Vicente Santos Sablan, †Maria Muna Sablan, †Juana Manglona Pangelinan
Brother: †Rainaldo M. Pangelinan
Sisters: †Anuncia P. Cabrera, †Juana SN. Manglona, †Edwina M. Fakir, †Dolores M. Diaz
Brothers-in-law: †Francisco T. Cabrera, †Francisco A. Hocog
Mother-in-law: †Delsa T. Feliciano

Survived by:

Wife: Maria Zita F. Sablan
Children: Vanessa F. Sablan, Penelope F. Sablan
Father-in-law: Isagani C. Feliciano
Brothers and Sisters: Tito M. Sablan and Family, Agnes P. Cabrera and Family, Maria M. Fitzgerald and Family, Conrad M. Sablan and Family, Rita M. Daniels and Family, Ramona M. Aquiningoc and Family, Nora M. Aquino and Family

Brothers and Sisters-in-law:
Gina Pangelinan, Juan T. Cabrera, David A. Diaz, Delisa F. Lansang, Ian T. Feliciano, Irene F. Florentino, Invictus T. Feliciano, Irwin Franz T. Feliciano

Daily mass of intention is being offered at 6:00 pm at San Antonio Church until Monday, October 08, 2018.

On Saturday, October 06, 2018 there will be a family visitation at the Borja Funeral Home from 7:00 am and his remains will be escorted at 8:00 am to Mount Carmel Cathedral. Responso, rosary, and visitation will follow upon arrival. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 am.

Please join us in prayers.

Thank You

MARIA ZITA F. SABLAN, CHILDREN & FAMILY

The most dangerous celebrity online is revealed

NEW YORK (AP)—Ruby Rose has played some dangerous characters, like an inmate in "Orange Is the New Black" and a scientist battling a prehistoric shark in "The Meg." But the actress herself is now officially dangerous.

Cybersecurity firm McAfee on Tuesday crowned Rose the most dangerous celebrity on the internet. No other celebrity was more likely to land users on websites that carry viruses or malware.

Reality TV star, Kristin Cavallari finished behind Rose at No. 2, followed by actress Marion Cotillard (No. 3), the original "Wonder Woman" Lynda Carter (No. 4), actress Rose Byrne (No. 5), Debra Messing (No. 6), reality TV star Kourtney Kardashian (No. 7), actress Amber Heard (No. 8), morning TV show host Kelly Ripa (No. 9), and actor Brad William Henke as No 10.

Rose is a model and MTV VJ who may have gotten a burst of online interest when she was named to play Batwoman on an upcoming CW series.

The survey is meant to highlight the danger of clicking on suspicious links. McAfee urges internet users to consider risks associated with searching for downloadable content and always apply updated security fixes. The company used its own site ratings to compile the celebrity list and used searches on Google, Bing and Yahoo.

"In our hyper-connected world, it's important for consumers to think before they click to be sure that they are landing on safe digital content and protecting themselves from cybersecurity threats that may be used to infect their devices or steal their identity," writes Gary Davis, chief consumer security evangelist at McAfee. "So whether you're looking up what Ruby did on the latest 'Orange is the New Black' episode, or what Kristin Cavallari wore the latest awards show, make sure you're searching the internet safely."

Rose deposes last year's most dangerous celeb, Avril Lavigne. That top 10 also included Bruno Mars, Carly Rae Jepsen, Zayn Malik, Celine Dion, Calvin Harris, Justin Bieber, Sean "Diddy" Combs, Katy Perry and Beyonce.

Musicians on the latest list took a hit. Adele was the highest ranked musician at No. 21 followed by Shakira at No. 27. Diddy, who finished at No. 9 in 2017, fell to No. 76.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

British singer Ed Sheeran grabs a beer at Connecticut pub

BRANFORD, Conn. (AP)—Staff and patrons at a Connecticut pub got a thrill recently when British singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran stopped in for a pint of Guinness. The New Haven Register reports that Sheeran and his fiancé hung out at Tommy Sullivan's Cafe in Branford following a wedding Friday night. Pub owner Maeve Sullivan says the "Shape of You" singer ordered a beer before he was joined by others from the wedding party. A smiling Sheeran snapped a picture with Sullivan and two bartenders. The bar owner says the Grammy-winning singer had "a good time hanging out" at the Irish pub and was "very nice and polite" to everyone who asked for pictures. Sullivan says Sheeran is the first star to visit the pub and she plans to hang the picture on the wall.

Critics sound off on Garrison Keillor appearance in Vermont

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP)—Organizers of the Burlington Book Festival are facing criticism over a scheduled appearance by Garrison Keillor, former host of "A Prairie Home Companion." The Burlington Free Press reports that Steve Cormier called the decision "tone deaf" because Keillor was accused of sexually harassing a woman who worked on his radio show. Last November, Minnesota Public Radio severed ties with the then-75-year-old Keillor over the accusations. He is now 76. Rick Kisonak, the festival's founding director, defended his decision and noted Keillor's contributions to literature. He said it was "careless" to conflate Keillor with "people like Bill Cosby and Harvey Weinstein." Keillor has denied the allegations against him. The "Few Words with Garrison Keillor" event is scheduled for Oct. 14.

Father of zombie films being honored on 'Living Deads 50th

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Pittsburgh is set to honor the father of modern American zombie films outside the theater where his "Night of the Living Dead" premiered 50 years ago. The widow of filmmaker George Romero, Mayor Bill Peduto and others will gather at 10:30 p.m. Monday. Romero died last year. His black-and-white "Night of the Living Dead" was shot in a quasi-documentary style and tells the story of a group of characters hiding in a farmhouse from flesh-eating zombies. The film was inducted into the National Registry of Films in 1999. A week of programs and movie screenings in tribute to Romero will be held later in the month.

Gwyneth Paltrow posts photo of matching wedding bands

NEW YORK (AP)—It appears Gwyneth Paltrow married "Glee" co-creator Brad Falchuk over the weekend. The actress posted a photo on Instagram of two hands wearing matching wedding bands, appearing to confirm reports of a wedding. There was no caption to go along with the photo. Her publicist has not returned an email seeking comment. Paltrow, who turned 46 last Thursday, and Falchuk met on the "Glee" set and they announced their engagement in January. Paltrow eloped with Coldplay singer Chris Martin in 2003. The couple had two children before they separated in 2014 in what she described as a "conscious uncoupling." They divorced in 2016.

Serena Williams sings, goes topless for breast cancer video

NEW YORK (AP)—Tennis great Serena Williams goes topless and sings "I Touch Myself" in a video to promote breast cancer awareness month. With her hands covering her breasts, Williams writes in the Instagram post that the video took her out of her "comfort zone." But she said she wanted to do it because early detection saves so many lives. The video is part of the I Touch Myself Project, which is dedicated to Divinyls singer Chrissy Amphlett. The 53-year-old Australian died after a long battle with breast cancer in 2013. Williams said Amphlett "gave us her hit song to remind women to put their health first."

Outspoken Jemele Hill joining The Atlantic

NEW YORK (AP)—Jemele Hill is joining the staff of The Atlantic weeks after the outspoken personality left ESPN after 12 years as a commentator, anchor, reporter and writer. Hill posted on her Twitter feed a message from the publication's editor-in-chief. Jeffrey Goldberg wrote Hill will be a staff writer "covering the intersection of sports, race, politics, gender and culture." Hill attracted attention last year and was briefly suspended for opinionated messages on social media, including a tweet that referenced President Donald Trump as a "white supremacist who has largely surrounded himself w/ other white supremacists." She also targeted Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones after he stated that players who disrespect the flag would not play for his team. She tweeted that fans who disagree with Jones should not buy the team's merchandise.

Hard Rock replaces Atlantic City president after 3 months

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—Hard Rock International is replacing the president of its half-billion-dollar Atlantic City casino after just three months of operation.

The Florida-based company said Monday night that it is replacing Matt Harkness with Joe Lupo, a former Borgata executive who joined Hard Rock a few years ago.

No reason was given for the change.

Harkness oversaw the planning, construction and opening of Hard Rock, which is the former Trump Taj Mahal casino.

It debuted in third place among Atlantic City's nine casinos in terms of gambling revenue in July, slipping slightly to fourth place in August.

Lupo, who runs Hard Rock's Tampa casino, was a vice president at the MGM-owned Borgata.

He will take over Nov. 1.

"I would like to thank Matt for his contribution to Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Atlantic City and appreciate his efforts leading the successful opening of this exceptional property," said Jon Lucas, Hard Rock International's chief operating officer.

Hard Rock said Harkness will assume "new responsibilities," but did not say what they will be.

Lupo was senior vice president of operations at Borgata, overseeing gambling, marketing and entertainment.

Before Seminole Hard Rock in Tampa, Lupo spent 30 years with Boyd Gaming, including 13 at the Borgata.

"Joe has been a talented and proven leader at our Tampa property and previously at Borgata, creating significant property success in both markets," said Jim Allen, Hard Rock's chairman and CEO.

Hard Rock opened June 27, the same day as another newly reopened casino, the Ocean Resort, which is the former Revel casino.

Hard Rock is one of only two Atlantic City casinos that does not offer sports betting or have a plan to do so soon, along with Caesars.

Beatles' process for making 'White Album' taxed producer

NEW YORK (AP)—Giles Martin says his father, producer George Martin, would wince whenever a fan would say that the "White Album" was their favorite Beatles' record.

The late George Martin would recall how tough it was to make the sprawling double album, titled "The Beatles" but given its familiar nickname because of the all-white cover. His son is in charge of a 50th anniversary repackaging that is due out Nov. 9.

"He liked things to be organized, and the 'White Album' wasn't organized," Giles Martin said recently.

The Beatles worked through the summer of 1968, often in exhausting all-night sessions. As evidence of the time spent, the new package includes the 102nd take of "Not Guilty," a Harrison song that wasn't even included among the 30 cuts of the original album.

The recording sessions were said to be rocky, and Ringo Starr quit and walked out for an 11-day period. But Martin said he believed some of those reports to be exaggerated, based on the tapes that he waded through.

"I looked for the arguments, I looked for the stress," he said. "And there really wasn't any."

Besides punchier, remixed versions of songs on the original album, the anniversary package includes 27 acoustic demos of material the Beatles made at Harrison's house before recording sessions began, and 50 studio outtakes.

AP

In this Aug. 23, 1966 file photo, The Beatles, from left, Ringo Starr; Paul McCartney; John Lennon; and George Harrison appear at a press conference in New York.

Cardi B gets assault summons but lawyer say she did no harm

NEW YORK (AP)—Cardi B was given a summons on Monday for misdemeanor reckless endangerment and assault in connection with a melee at a New York strip club.

The platinum rapper was charged after agreeing to meet with investigators at a Queens police station. Afterward, she left with a smile on her face, but declined comment.

"We are aware of no evidence that she caused anybody any harm from that night," her lawyer, Jeff Kern, told reporters. "We expect the matter to be resolved expeditiously."

Police say Cardi B and her entourage were at the club at around 3 a.m. Saturday when she got in an argument with a 23-year-old woman who was bartending. They say a fight broke out during which chairs, bottles and hookah waters pipes were thrown, slightly injuring the bartender and another employee.

Police say the rapper and about nine other people in her party fled, but she later agreed to turn herself in after being identified by the bartender. Investigators were exploring whether the fracas involved a romantic dispute.

The incident occurred about three weeks after Cardi B and Nicki Minaj were involved in an altercation that got physical at a New York Fashion Week party and left Cardi B with a mark on her head.

Video circulating on social media showed Cardi B lunging toward someone and being held back at Harper's Bazaar Icons. Another video showed the rapper being escorted out of the event by security.

Cardi B, wearing a voluminous red Dolce & Gabanna gown, was seen leaving the party with what appeared to be a bump on her head. She was barefoot.

She and Minaj have been rap rivals since Cardi B began achieving huge success over the last year.

Fire at Venice's La Fenice brought quickly under control

MILAN (AP)—A fire in Venice's rebuilt La Fenice opera house was swiftly brought under control Monday, 22 years after a blaze had destroyed the famous theater.

Italian news agency ANSA reported that the fire broke out early Monday in a technical room that was under 24-hour surveillance as a precaution following the fire in 1996, which was ruled as arson.

A dozen firefighters responded to the fire, containing it quickly. Two were treated and released for smoke inhalation.

The theater's general manager, Fortunato Ortombina, told ANSA that the fire was caused by the theater's backup power system.

He said the extent of damage was still being assessed.

No concerts were scheduled Monday.

Performances in the main theater are expected to resume as scheduled Thursday while two concerts scheduled in the smaller Sale Apollinee for Tuesday have been moved to another location.

The theater, originally constructed in 1792, hosted world premieres of such conductors as Verdi and Rossini. After being destroyed, it reopened in 2004, built substantially as it had been before the fire.

Trump has sharp words for ABC's Vega, CNN's Collins

NEW YORK (AP)—ABC's Cecilia Vega and CNN's Kaitlan Collins were targets of a combative President Donald Trump for asking questions about Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh at the White House on Monday.

Trump called on Vega at the start of the Rose Garden event on trade and appeared to mock her.

"She's shocked that I picked her," Trump said. "She's, like, in a state of shock."

He appeared to mishear Vega as she answered him, "I'm not. Thank you, Mr. President."

"That's OK," he said. "I know you're not thinking. You never do."

"I'm sorry?" Vega responded.

"Go ahead," Trump said.

Vega asked him to clarify his feelings about the limits of the FBI investigation into Kavanaugh. Trump stopped her, saying he would talk about the subject later but first wanted to answer questions about trade. Vega pivoted to ask him about the prospects for trade legislation before Congress.

Later, Collins attempted to change the subject to ask two questions about the Kavanaugh investigation, and Trump wasn't having it.

"Don't do that. That's not nice," he said, adding that he wanted to answer a question about trade and moving on to another reporter.

He came back to Collins, however, and she asked if he would consider it disqualifying if Kavanaugh was found to have been lying to the Senate Judiciary Committee when testifying about a woman's claim he sexually assaulted her when they were teenagers. Trump talked about his surprise in how much Kavanaugh had talked about beer and noted that people weren't asking about Kavanaugh's behavior over the last 20 years.

"You didn't answer my question, Mr. President," Collins said when he was done.

Trump went on to discuss how he had avoided alcohol.

Collins tried again.

"You know what? You've really had enough," Trump said. "You've had enough."

Later, Vega tweeted: "A news conference means you get to ask whatever question you want to ask. #FirstAmendment."

Collins retweeted it with the message, "Ditto."

Neither ABC nor CNN had an immediate comment.

Long-married couple wonders if being 'swinger' is for them

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married for years. We married young, and I'm the only man she has been with. Although we seem to have a good sex life, she's now saying she wants more. She wants to experiment and is suggesting we try a "swinging" lifestyle—a threesome or foursome—swapping partners.

I think she wants to experience a stronger, more physically attractive man. I'm not against it. I fantasize about watching her with another man, and it could be exciting to make love with other women. However, my question to you and your readers is, does this lifestyle enhance a marriage or does it usually lead to severe marriage issues?

CONSIDERING IT IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CONSIDERING IT: Depending upon the people involved, the swinging lifestyle can either enhance or destroy a marriage. If the couple is honest with each other from the beginning, establishes firm ground rules and adheres to them, it won't hurt the marriage. However, if one partner feels coerced into participating, it can be destructive, which is why I do not recommend it.

DEAR ABBY: One of my very close friends self-harms. She constantly slits her wrists and forearms. I desperately want her to stop, but I don't know how to convince her not to hurt herself.

I would talk to her parents about it, but she doesn't feel comfortable around her dad, and her mom is part of the reason she self-harms. She had a therapist she could talk to, but not anymore.

I want her to feel loved, but so far, all I've been doing to help is listen when she talks. She needs to be able to see herself as others do. What can I do to help her? I don't want to sit idle while she struggles.

GOOD FRIEND IN KANSAS

DEAR GOOD FRIEND: You are a caring person, but your friend has serious emotional problems you don't have the training or experience to handle. She will need professional help to get to the root of her emotional pain before she can stop cutting.

Because she no longer has a therapist and her parents are part of the problem, tell a counselor at school that your friend is self-harming. Perhaps there can be an intervention if her problem is approached that way.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married forever to a very demanding and controlling man. We are older now, so, without consulting me, he bought cemetery plots for us. The problem is, I'm scared to death of cemeteries and always have been. I prefer to be cremated and have my ashes scattered over places I love.

One of my kids is OK with it; the other isn't. How can I make sure my wishes will be respected?

GOING OUT MY WAY

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Talk with an attorney who specializes in estate planning about putting language in your will that specifies that if you AREN'T cremated and scattered as you wish to be, the person responsible will receive no more than $1. Then choose an executor you can trust, and when the time comes, rest in peace.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

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A LOT OF KIDS DON'T HAVE AS GOOD OF A HOME LIFE AS WE DO. WE REALLY CAN'T COMPLAIN.
..WHICH ISN'T TO SAY WE SHOULD GO HOME YET.
WHEN DO YOU THINK THEY'LL SEE THE CAR WINDSHIELD?

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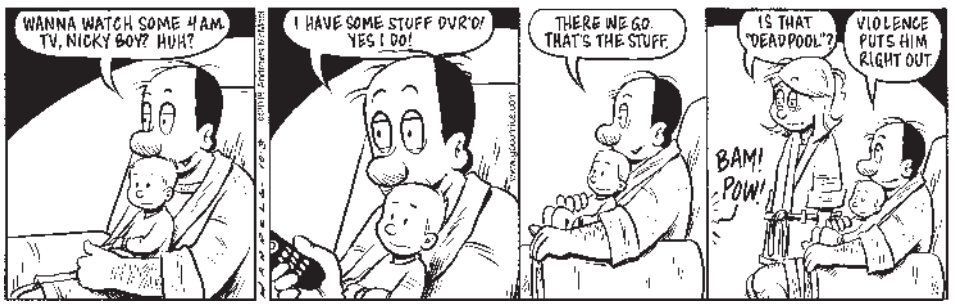
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I HAVE SOME STUFF OVR'D! YES! DO!
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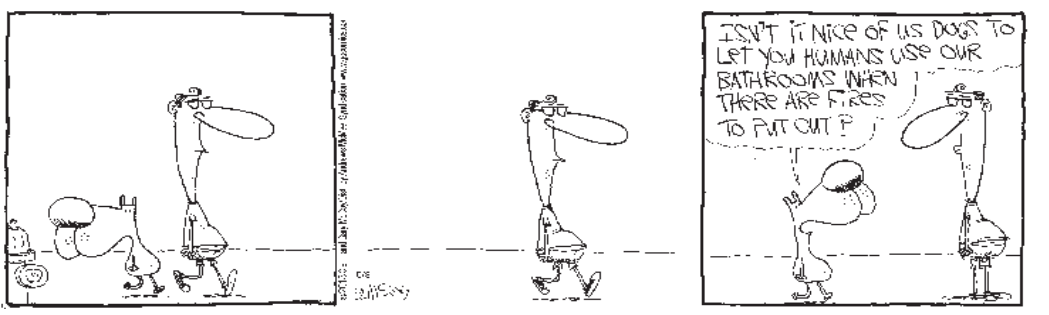
IS THAT "DEADPOOL"?
VIOLENCE PUTS HIM RIGHT OUT
BAM! POW!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Seann William Scott, 42; Neve Campbell, 45; Gwen Stefani, 49; Chubby Checker, 77.

Happy Birthday: Look for constructive ways to deal with difficult people and situations. Your patience will help you maintain balance and encourage others to meet your demands as long as you are willing to pitch in and contribute physically as well as mentally to get things done. This is a year of remembering and acknowledging the past, making amends and moving forward. Your numbers are 6, 11, 19, 24, 30, 39, 44.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Engage in activities that will give you a chance to do a bit of networking. Mixing business with pleasure will allow you to share your ideas, concerns and professional goals with like-minded people while you build support and alliances. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* You can bring about change, but make sure you are doing so for the right reason. If your motives are based on an emotional vendetta, you aren't likely to get what you expect or want. Try using reason and common sense. ✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Don't look at change as negative. Look at where the change is heading long-term before you decide to disrupt the events taking place. Going with the flow will lead to a prosperous ending if you are helpful. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Mull over the past and the instances that have led to where you are heading. It will pay to be more accommodating and to offer alternative suggestions that benefit not only you but those you work with or for. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Protect against accidents, injuries and arguments. It's to your benefit to get along and to find solutions to any problem that crops up. Now is not the time to make a fuss or to show signs of excessive behavior. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Set up meetings or visit someone who has a positive effect on you. Greater stability will come about if you are open to change. Sometimes taking a unique path can be an eye-opening adventure that leads to unexpected benefits. Romance is featured. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Don't leave your chores or responsibilities in someone else's hands. Be smart with your time, and be detailed and prompt when dealing with others. A personal, financial or physical risk shouldn't be considered. Strive for equality and self-sufficiency. ✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* You'll crave change, but that doesn't mean you should jump into something without giving it a thorough check. Slow down and consider the emotional implications that can unravel if you make a choice that is not based on facts and figures. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Don't feel you have to share your secrets with others. Pick and choose what you say and do carefully. Know what you are capable of and how to get what you want. Keep your reputation clean and your prospects open. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Know what you want and go after it. Your determination will prove to be advantageous when it comes to impressing others with unique solutions. A change will do you good but may not be as welcomed by someone close to you. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Take care of contracts, settlements and money matters. Tidy up any loose ends that could cost you come tax time. Deal with institutions, government agencies and anyone who could pose a problem for you in the future. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Be receptive to new ideas. An investment will help change the way you handle your money moving forward. A position that interests you will offer clout as well as opportunities and favors from people in high places. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are cautious, discreet and perceptive. You are secretive and intelligent.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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By DAVID OUELLET

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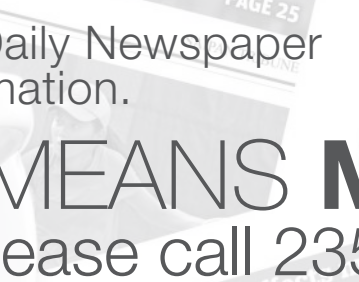

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Chiefs rally past Broncos to stay unbeaten

AP
Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Chris Conley (17) stiff arms Denver Broncos defensive back Chris Harris (25) during the second half of an NFL football game, Monday, Oct. 1, 2018, in Denver.

DENVER (AP) — Patrick Mahomes was hitting all the right notes, even when he had to throw with his left hand .

Is there anything the Kansas City quarterback can't do these days?

Mahomes made one of the most memorable plays of the game on a left-handed heave late in the fourth quarter that helped the Chiefs to a 27-23 comeback victory over the Denver Broncos on Monday night.

"I thought, 'Is he a magician or something?'" said running back Kareem Hunt, whose team improved to 4-0. "He's doing things you really don't see often. He's a great player. I'm glad he's on my team."

Mahomes' left-handed toss occurred with about 3:15 remaining in the fourth quarter and was all the buzz on social media. As he scrambled to his left on third-and-5 at the Kansas City 45, Mahomes switched the ball to his other hand so pass rusher Von Miller couldn't strip it from him. Then, Mahomes lofted a perfect strike to receiver Tyreek Hill for a 6-yard gain and the first down.

"He actually throws better than me and I'm left handed," Hill quipped. "It was a good throw. It was a good toss. Pat, I don't even know what to say, man. Pat just does a great job of looking down the field, trusting us to stay alive and stuff like that."

He's seen better from Mahomes, though.

"He threw the ball like 85 yards in practice," Hill said. "That probably surprised me. I've never seen a quarterback throw the ball that far."

Mahomes said he sometimes throws left-handed when the QBs engage in competitions during practice. But that's about the extent of his ambidextrous ways.

"I did it a couple of times in college but it was to throw it away," said Mahomes, who finished 28 of 45 for 304 yards and one TD, along with running in another. "I never had thrown it to a receiver. So it was a cool deal, got the first down and got the win."

He even surprised Miller, who had no idea Mahomes threw it with his opposite hand.

"I just felt like he was getting ready to throw it, so I was just trying to get down there and clip the ankles," Miller explained. "But I didn't know he threw it with his left hand. He's a great quarterback."

It seems like Mahomes is constantly topping what he did before.

"I saw it when it came out of his hand, and I went, 'Oh wow,'" fullback Anthony Sherman said. "At this point, we should just trust him and know he won't put us in a bad situation. He'll find a way to get the ball to an open receiver."

That was readily apparent soon after his dazzling left-handed throw. Trailing 23-20, Mahomes was called for intentional grounding, which was followed by a holding penalty on the offensive line. All of a sudden, the Chiefs faced second-and-30 at the 31.

No problem for Mahomes. He threw a 23-yard completion to Demarcus Robinson and then a 35-yard strike to Demetrius Harris.

See, no worries.

A few plays later Hunt took it in for a 4-yard score to put the Chiefs on top. The defense took it from there to preserve the win.

"When you step back, you go, 'Whoa, that was pretty good,'" Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. "But really you're just trying to figure out the next play that he can scramble around and make plays on."

This is how much Mahomes' scrambling ability influences a game: He physically drained Broncos cornerback Chris Harris Jr.

"I had to go inside and get two IVs," Harris said. "I was just done. Just playing those extra times. He made us scramble in coverage the whole game. We couldn't sack this man. He's a hell of a player. He's a hell of a quarterback."

Bell to rejoin Steelers

Meanwhile, "The Bell" finally appears to be ready to toll.

Steelers all-pro Le'Veon Bell plans to report for duty during Pittsburgh's Week 7 bye, according to ESPN, ending an ugly and lengthy standoff after the star running back and team failed for the second year in a row to reach a long-term contract agreement.

If that timeline holds, Bell would be available for the team's final 10 games while accruing the season of service that would allow him to reach free agency in 2019. But also noteworthy, this plan suggests Bell's first availability for game action would be Pittsburgh's Oct. 28 home date against the Browns. The NFL trading deadline is two days later.

Bell has been the subject of trade rumors in recent weeks but can't be moved until he signs his $14.54 million franchise tag tender, which is prorated throughout the season. If he does show in Week 7, he would still be due roughly $9.4 million this season, a figure any trade partner would have to accommodate under its salary cap.

Patrick Reed vents over Spieth, Furyk in Ryder Cup

NEW YORK (AP)—Patrick Reed blames Jordan Spieth for them not playing together at the Ryder Cup and told The New York Times that U.S. captain Jim Furyk was not smart to sit him out twice.

Europe won the Ryder Cup 17½-10½ at Le Golf National outside Paris. Europe now has won nine of the last 12 times, and it was the third time in its last five victories that it won by seven points or more.

Spieth and Justin Thomas went 3-1, the only American tandem to play all four matches. Reed was paired with Tiger Woods in fourballs, losing both matches, and sitting out both foursomes matches.

In an interview with the Times an hour after the closing news conference, Reed said he was fully expecting Furyk to pair him with Spieth again.

"The issue's obviously with Jordan not wanting to play with me," Reed said. "I don't have any issue with Jordan. When it comes right down to it, I don't care if I like the person I'm paired with or if the person likes me as long as it works and it sets up the team for success. He and I know how to make each other better. We know how to get the job done."

They were 4-1-2 in the previous two Ryder Cups and not had any other partners.

On Monday, Spieth was in Bosnia to see his brother, who is playing basketball in a European league. Furyk was traveling.

Thomas was a Ryder Cup rookie who has known Spieth since they were 14, a friendship that coincidentally took root in France when they played for the U.S. in the Evian Junior Masters.

Spieth and Reed were asked at the end of the U.S. press conference Sunday night if they were surprised they didn't play together. Both looked at each other to see who would respond before Spieth spoke first.

"We were totally involved with every decision that was made," Spieth said. "We had two potentially fantastic teams (Spieth-Thomas and Woods-Reed) and we went out confidently and tried to play our best."

Furyk said it was his call to put Spieth and Thomas together.

The news conference ended before Reed had a chance to answer. He told the Times in the interview an hour later that he was looking at Spieth "like I was about to light the room up like Phil in '14."

That was a reference to Phil Mickelson's critical comments about U.S. captain Tom Watson after another American loss at Gleneagles.

Reed and Woods lost both matches to Francesco Molinari and Tommy Fleetwood. In the second match, Woods often was playing the hole by himself because Reed hit into the water, the ankle-deep rough or out-of-bounds. Woods played his lone foursomes match with Bryson DeChambeau and lost that one, too.

"For somebody as successful in the Ryder Cup as I am, I don't think it's smart to sit me twice," Reed said.

Reed won his singles match well after Europe had enough points to win back the Ryder Cup.

Meanwhile, with his 21st loss, Woods is now in second place for most losses by an American in the competition, one behind Phil Mickelson and one ahead of this year's captain Jim Furyk. None of his matches here made it to the 18th hole.

And believe it or not, he's heading back to the United States with some serious momentum. He won for the first time in five years at the Tour Championship just last week. He finished in the top 10 seven times, including a T6 in the Open Championship and a runner-up finish at the PGA Championship.

The 2018-19 PGA Tour season tees off Thursday with the Safeway Open. Woods isn't playing Safeway, but will tee it up at the Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas, slated for Nov. 29-Dec. 2, the week after his highly anticipated $9 million match against Phil Mickelson in Las Vegas.

Dodgers win 6th straight NL West title

LOS ANGELES (AP)—What a day for Walker Buehler. The rookie with the preternatural calm pitched the Los Angeles Dodgers to a record sixth consecutive NL West title.

Buehler tossed one-hit ball into the seventh inning, and Cody Bellinger and Max Muncy launched two-run homers to beat the Colorado Rockies 5-2 in a tiebreaker on Monday.

"It's a normal baseball game. It's hyped up, there's an adrenaline, but you got to execute," Buehler said. "That's all you can do."

The defending NL champion Dodgers became the first major league team to win six straight division crowns since the Yankees captured nine AL East titles in a row from 1998-2006.

"It doesn't get old," confirmed ace Clayton Kershaw.

Los Angeles now hosts Atlanta in the best-of-five NL Division Series beginning Thursday.

AP

Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Walker Buehler throws against the Colorado Rockies during the first inning of a tiebreaker baseball game, Monday, Oct. 1, 2018, in Los Angeles.

"We're going to beat Atlanta," a shirtless Yasiel Puig proclaimed, rivulets of beer and champagne down his front and back. "No matter who's coming, we're going to the World Series and bring the 2018 championship here.

Denied their first division title in franchise history, the Rockies head to Wrigley Field to play the Chicago Cubs in the NL wild-card game on Tuesday night.

"Our guys will put it in the rearview for sure," Rockies manager Bud Black said of the loss. "The resiliency of this group has been awesome all year."

Pitching in 90-degree heat, Buehler was oh-so-cool in closing out a regular season that ended with Game 163 after both teams had identical records of 91-71.

The soft-spoken 24-year-old from Lexington, Kentucky, has been so steady of late that manager Dave Roberts had no qualms about giving Buehler the ball for the crucial game that helped decide the Dodgers' postseason fate.

"He's ready for this moment," Roberts said, "and he responded."

Buehler's only slip-up came on the field after the game when he let loose with an inadvertent expletive, having been handed the mic after fans demanded to hear from him. He clasped his hand to his mouth and apologized.

No need to be sorry, though, after that performance.

Buehler settled in quickly, retiring his first six batters in a row, and never did allow a run.

"Walker is a tremendous talent," Kershaw said. "His competitiveness is off-the-charts, his ability is off-the-charts."

Buehler (8-5) had his no-hit bid broken up in the sixth on Charlie Blackmon's single, one of his two hits for the Rockies.

Brewers get NL Central crown

In Chicago, Christian Yelich's easy smile and champagne-soaked T-shirt said it all.

A division title is much more fun than a Triple Crown.

Yelich collected three more hits as the Milwaukee Brewers won their first NL Central title since 2011, beating the Chicago Cubs 3-1 on Monday in a tiebreaker game. The silky-smooth slugger stalled in his bid for the league's first Triple Crown in decades, but he starred once again as the Brew Crew captured the biggest prize of the day.

"I know how hard it is to get to this point and I'm proud to be a part of this group," Yelich said as Milwaukee's boozy party swirled around him, filling every inch of the cramped visitors' clubhouse at Wrigley Field.

Lorenzo Cain hit a go-ahead single in the eighth inning to help Milwaukee to its eighth straight win and home-field advantage throughout the NL playoffs. The Brewers will host the wild-card winner starting Thursday in the best-of-five Division Series.

Chicago stays at Wrigley for Tuesday night's wild-card game against Colorado. The Rockies lost 5-2 to the Los Angeles Dodgers in Monday's second tiebreaker for the NL West title.

"It's no fun. Of course we'd prefer the other route," manager Joe Maddon said.

It's a quick turnaround after falling short in their bid for a third straight division title, but the Cubs will have ace left-hander Jon Lester on the mound for the elimination game.

"We'll be ready. This team has responded all year," said Anthony Rizzo, who homered for Chicago's run.

Yelich singled home Milwaukee's first run and won the NL batting title with a .326 average. He had 110 RBIs, one behind the Cubs' Javier Baez, and finished with 36 home runs, two shy of Colorado's Nolan Arenado. The tiebreakers were game 163 of the regular season and Arenado's homer counted in the totals.

Joe Medwick in 1937 was the last NL player to win the Triple Crown. Miguel Cabrera did it for Detroit in 2012.

Milwaukee trailed Chicago by as many as five games in September, but manager Craig Counsell's club pushed the season to an extra day with a furious finish and then used its deep lineup and bullpen to outlast the playoff-tested Cubs.

"It just shows the heart and the mentality that this team has," Cain said. "Never give up. Continue to fight each and every day in each and every at-bat. We're going to continue to do that in the playoffs."

Orlando Arcia, batting in the eighth slot, had a career-high four hits, and Josh Hader closed out another dominant relief performance for the Brewers.

"All the guys in the 'pen, they're attacking the zone and putting us in a good position to win ballgames," Hader said.

Jose Quintana pitched six-hit ball into the sixth inning, but Chicago's bullpen faltered at a key moment. Rizzo, Baez and Daniel Murphy accounted for the Cubs' three hits.

The game was tied at 1 before Milwaukee opened the eighth with three straight hits. Arcia singled on a 0-2 pitch from Justin Wilson (4-5), Domingo Santana had a pinch-hit double and Cain greeted Steve Cishek with a single back up the middle.

Cubs, Rockies meet for wild card after losing tiebreakers

CHICAGO (AP)—Manager Joe Maddon and the Chicago Cubs insist they still have plenty left to make another deep run in the postseason.

What they don't have is room for error.

The Cubs will host the Colorado Rockies in the wild-card game on Tuesday after both teams lost tiebreaker games for their division championships.

"We're not dead in the water," Maddon said.

The Cubs will send ace Jon Lester (18-6, 3.32 ERA) to the mound, hoping to keep their season going after a 3-1 loss to Milwaukee for the NL Central championship at Wrigley Field on Monday.

They'll be back at the old ballpark again, trying to eliminate Colorado after the Rockies dropped a tiebreaker for the NL West to the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-2. Kyle Freeland (17-7, 2.85) starts for the Rockies, and the winner gets Milwaukee in the best-of-five Division Series starting Thursday at Miller Park.

Colorado and the Cubs split six games this year, each scoring 33 runs. They haven't faced each other since early May.

NL home run champion Nolan Arenado and the Rockies (91-72) had won nine of 10 before getting shut down by rookie Walker Buehler in a 5-2 loss on Monday. Colorado has never won its division.

"Excited about it," manager Bud Black said. "It's going to be a great environment tomorrow at Wrigley. Their manager and I go way back. This team enjoys playing on the big stage."

Charlie Blackmon, who had two of Colorado's four hits Monday, called it "an amazing opportunity."

"The fact of the matter is we have a chance to win the World Series," he added.

The Cubs (95-68) reached the playoffs for a franchise-record fourth straight year and had a third consecutive division championship in sight, only to be pushed aside by the surging Brewers.

But the Cubs are also a tough team to keep down.

They have three straight appearances in the NL Championship Series and a World Series championship in 2016 that ended a 108-year drought. They're no strangers to tight spots and they find themselves in another one, after Milwaukee caught them down the regular-season stretch.

The Brewers won four of six against Chicago in September to help forge the tiebreaker game after the Cubs went from trailing them by 4 1/2 games in the division to leading by five. Milwaukee pulled even on the final weekend.

The Cubs then managed just three hits Monday against Jhoulys Chacin and four relievers. They were also held to one run or less for the 39th time even though they ranked fourth in the National League in scoring.

"We have another opportunity," Maddon said. "I've been involved with wild card teams that have gone all the way. It happens."

Maddon was the Los Angeles Angels' bench coach in 2002 when they won the World Series as a wild card. And the Cubs have certainly won their share of elimination games the past four seasons.

They beat Pittsburgh in the wild card-game in 2015 after finishing third in the division behind St. Louis and the Pirates. In 2016, they rallied from 3-1 down in the World Series and won Game 7 at Cleveland to bring home the first championship in 108 years. And they beat Washington in a grueling Division Series last year, winning Game 5 on the road.

Dominant debut for Suns top rookie Ayton

SACRAMENTO (AP)—Deandre Ayton might be the NBA's next great man in the middle.

The No. 1 pick had a dominant debut Monday night, finishing with 24 points, 10 rebounds and three blocked shots in the Phoenix Suns' 106-102 loss to the Sacramento Kings.

The exhibition opener for both teams featured the top two picks in the most recent draft. Marvin Bagley III of Duke came off the Sacramento bench for seven points in 25 minutes.

Ayton—Bagley's one-time high school teammate—looks a little more NBA-ready. The former Arizona star leaped high for alley-oop and showed off a nice touch with a hook, finishing 9 for 16 from the floor and 6 of 8 from the free throw line.

Joel Embiid, perhaps the league's top current big man, matched up Monday with another top-10 center from the draft, Orlando's Mo Bamba. Embiid kept Philadelphia unbeaten with 21 points in the 76ers' final game before they head to China for a pair of games against Dallas.

Yogi Ferrell had 26 points on 9-of-14 shooting, including 6 of 9 from 3-point range, and Willie Cauley-Stein added 14 points and 12 rebounds for Sacramento.

Josh Jackson added 17 points and six assists for Phoenix, and TJ Warren scored 16 points on 6-of-7 shooting.

Ayton missed his final four field-goal attempts and went 2 of 4 from the line with an offensive foul in the final minute.

Bogdan Bogdanovic (knee), Kosta Koufos (hamstring), Iman Shumpert (calf) and Nemanja Bjelica (knee) did not play. Harry Giles III, who missed all of last season after being selected 20th overall in the 2017 draft, scored 14 points. Bagley shot 2 for 7 and grabbed two rebounds.

Mikal Bridges, the 10th overall selection in June's draft, was scoreless with one rebound in 12 minutes. Devin Booker, who had surgery on his right hand last month, did not play. He is expected to miss all of the preseason but expects to be ready for the start of the regular season.

The Kings (1-0) travel to Los Angeles to play the Lakers on Thursday. Phoenix (0-1) will play host to the New Zealand Breakers on Wednesday.

76ers 120, Magic 114

Joel Embiid had 21 points on 9-of-15 shooting and grabbed seven rebounds in 22 minutes. Ben Simmons added nine points, five rebounds, seven assist, two steals and a block.

Furkan Korkmaz made 6 of 8 from the field, including 3 of 5 from behind the arc, and finished with 18 points in 18 minutes for the 76ers.

Nikola Vucevic led Orlando with 20 points and blocked two shots. Terrence Ross hit three 3s and finished with 13 points and three steals.

Markelle Fultz, the top pick in the 2017 draft who missed 68 games last season, had 12 points on 5-of-12 shooting and grabbed six rebounds. Jerryd Bayless did not play after suffering a sprained knee during practice Sunday. He'll be re-evaluated in 3-to-4 weeks. Wilson Chandler, who strained his hamstring in Friday's preseason opener, did not play. MAGIC: D.J. Augustine and Mo Bamba, the No. 6 overall selection in June's draft, scored 12 points apiece. Augustine hit 3 of 4 from 3-point range and had six assists. Isaiah Briscoe had 11 points and Aaron Gordon added 10 points, seven rebounds and four assists.

The 76ers (2-0) play Dallas in Shanghai on Friday. Orlando (0-1) returns home to play Flamengo.

Knicks 124, Wizards 121, OT

Rookie Kevin Knox had 13 points and 10 rebounds in the Knicks' preseason opener.

The No. 9 pick in the draft started and added three assists and two steals in 26 minutes. Lance Thomas scored 12 points.

John Wall played just 9 ½ minutes of Washington's exhibition opener, scoring six points. Bradley Beal had 11, but shot just 3 for 12 in 22 minutes.

AP

Phoenix Suns center Deandre Ayton (22) dunks over Sacramento Kings forward Harry Giles (20) during the second half of a preseason NBA basketball game Monday, Oct. 1, 2018, in Phoenix.

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Kansas City	58	104	.358	33
West Division				
x-Houston	103	59	.636	—
y-Oakland	97	65	.599	6
Seattle	89	73	.549	14
Los Angeles	80	82	.494	23
Texas	67	95	.414	36

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	90	72	.556	—
Washington	82	80	.506	8
Philadelphia	80	82	.494	10
New York	77	85	.475	13
Miami	63	98	.391	26½
Central Division				
x-Milwaukee	96	67	.589	—
y-Chicago	95	68	.583	1
St. Louis	88	74	.543	7½
Pittsburgh	82	79	.509	13
Cincinnati	67	95	.414	28½
West Division				
z-Los Angeles	92	71	.564	—
z-Colorado	91	72	.558	1
Arizona	82	80	.506	9½
San Francisco	73	89	.451	18½
San Diego	66	96	.407	25½

z-clinched playoff berth x-clinched division y-clinched wild card

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	3	1	0	.750	82	90
New England	2	2	0	.500	95	84
Buffalo	1	3	0	.250	50	106
N.Y. Jets	1	3	0	.250	89	89
South						
Tennessee	3	1	0	.750	75	73
Jacksonville	3	1	0	.750	88	56
Houston	1	3	0	.250	96	108
Indianapolis	1	3	0	.250	94	100
North						
Cincinnati	3	1	0	.750	126	113
Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	123	65
Cleveland	1	2	1	.375	102	104
Pittsburgh	1	2	1	.375	102	116
West						
Kansas City	4	0	0	1.000	145	115
Denver	2	2	0	.500	84	97
L.A. Chargers	2	2	0	.500	111	120
Oakland	1	3	0	.250	97	123

NATIONAL CONFERENCE East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	2	1	0	.667	64	44
Dallas	2	2	0	.500	67	77
Philadelphia	2	2	0	.500	82	81
N.Y. Giants	1	3	0	.250	73	95
South						
New Orleans	3	1	0	.750	137	121
Carolina	2	1	0	.667	71	60
Tampa Bay	2	2	0	.500	112	139
Atlanta	1	3	0	.250	116	122
North						
Chicago	3	1	0	.750	111	65
Green Bay	2	1	1	.625	92	83
Minnesota	1	2	1	.375	90	110
Detroit	1	3	0	.250	94	114
West						
L.A. Rams	4	0	0	1.000	140	67
Seattle	2	2	0	.500	85	81
San Francisco	1	3	0	.250	100	118
Arizona	0	4	0	.000	37	94

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boxing duels, and one special K1 fight (special rules).

For the two main fights, Trench Tech's Vince "The Clinch" Masga and Mark "The Dark" Nuique will be up against VIDA BJJ Guam standouts. Nuique will square off against Pete Benavente, while Masga will battle Zach Benavente.

Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez, also of Trench Tech and was original set to see action in the main event in the Saipan vs Guam's triple-header will instead be in a standby and special K1 encounter with Vida BJJ's Trev "5 Star" Jones.

For the earlier kickboxing matches, Trench Tech's Jessme "Don't Test Me" Jones will meet Steel Athletics' Jaid Senttele, while Ko "PakPak" Palacios, also from Trench Tech, will be matched against Jungle MMA's Manny "The Kid" Camacho. The third Trench Tech bet to compete in kickboxing is Andres "The Tanapag Beach Bad Boy" Camacho who will take on Guam Muay Thai's Eric "Young ASAP" Lacambra.

Meanwhile, MMA action will be started by Down-2Scrap's Jadrien "The Last King" Camacho and Guam's Austin Gaspay as they collide in the 130-lb catch weight.

Up next are Austin Indalecio vs Kenty Anua of Team MeZZing at 135 lbs; Jungle MMA's Travis Camacho vs Justin "Hot Sauce" Cangco at 135 lbs; Robert Smith vs Trench Tech's Bradlee "Kaboom" Manalo at 139 lbs; Guam Muay Thai's Austin "Auzzy P" Petos vs Down-2Scrap's Jonathan "No Love" Camacho at 145 lbs; Red Ants Academy's Jones Langu vs Spike 22's Jerome Fujihira at 155-160 lbs; and Pejo Camacho of Steel Athletics vs Team Rage's Vince Torres at 165 lbs.

Independent fighter Calvin Castro of Guam is also entered in Ragin' Rumble, but his opponent in the 155 to 160-lb class will be announced later, while Juan "Hot Pocket" Lizama, Junar Jesus, and Darren Taitano are standby fighters. The ROP 24 fight card is tentative and subject to changes.

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Pacific in a close match in the first three periods before pulling away in the fourth. Ahead by only four after three quarters, 51-47, MJD spread the wealth in the final frame to earn a double-digit winning margin. Jun Tabora scored 6 points in the fourth canto, Marvin Rabauliman, Jaymark De Guzman, and Monico Usi added 4 each, and three others made at least one basket apiece in the breakaway.

Imperial Pacific collapsed in the pivotal fourth period after hitting only five field goals. Henry Cruzada was the lone Imperial Pacific player to knock in more than one basket in the last quarter.

In the other game last Monday, Bernard Montano, Ed Cosino, and Haejun Park teamed up in the fourth quarter to help Armatech beat Kensington.

Montano delivered 9 points in the fourth period, Cosino added 5, and Park chipped in 8, including Armatech's last 4 markers. Armatech started the fourth canto clinging to a 41-38 lead and the game remained close, as Kensington drew baskets from Jun Alipio, Webb Guntar, and Elmer Pineda. However, Park drilled clutch baskets for Armatech in the homestretch for the team's second win in as many games.

Meanwhile, PEGS recovered from its debut loss after outclassing Cellular Pro in last Saturday's second game, 87-74.

Ron Gamboa scored 17 points for PEGS, which lost to Kensington in its first game. Gamboa got enough help from Joy Dayrit, Melvin Villarin, Tony Raho, and Geron who combined for 43 markers.

It was a come-from-behind win for PEGS, as Cellular Pro was on top after the third canto, 57-54, and even led by as much as 10 markers in the opening period. PEGS overhauled the deficit with Geron and Raho scoring 7 points each in the final canto and Dayrit, Gamboa, and Villarin contributing at least two baskets each.

TEEN

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combination of players who suited up for the CNMI in three off-island tournaments.

"We have 23 players now and they came from three groups," the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director said.

Mita is talking about the players who competed in the East Asian Football Federation U15 Boys Tournament in China in July, the Inaugural Tuloy XO Cup in the Philippines in August, and the EAFF E-1 Football Championships 2019 Round in Mongolia last month. The Teen Ayuyus earned one win (versus) Macau in the EAFF youth competition, while they ruled the Tuloy XO Cup. In Mongolia, the CNMI drew Macau and lost to Mongolia and Guam.

All these tournaments gave the Commonwealth players a better understanding on team play and toughen them, mentally.

"They learned that football is a team sport. If the team becomes one and collective, we can compete with big teams. Now, this Marianas Cup preparation is short, but we are trying to improve team chemistry to improve collective attacking and defense," Mita said.

"We understand how important this special match is, so we're also mentally prepared," he added.

Mita believes a daunting task is ahead of the Teen Ayuyus, especially now that Guam's youth program is getting more attention from its new coach—Karl Dodd.

"My impression on Guam is before they focused only on men's team, but since they got the new Australian coach, they started to focus on youth national teams. They have better youth development structure and young players are improving," the NMIFA technical director said.

"I watched some of their matches in the EAFF U15 in China, they have some players who are technically and physically good. It's going to be a tough match for us, but we will try our best to show a good football game," he added.

Saipan Electronic Darts Association Winners

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Naked Fish Na'Gupu players pose with their Bud Light Cup first place trophies in the Flame Tree Division during the awards ceremony for the 2018 Saipan Electronic Darts Association Bud Light League last Sunday at Charley's Cabaret in Pacific Islands Club Saipan. Joining them in the photo are the awards presenters.

Members of 6JMS Predators show the trophies they won after topping the A Division of the Bud Light Cup.

6JMS Dart Vaders players gather for a photo after receiving the first place trophies in the Bud Light Cup C Division.

6JMS Mafia members make it to the center stage for ruling the Fanihi Division of the Bud Light Cup.

6JMS Mafia's Gilbert Gatmaitan, third left, receives the grand prize in the raffle drawing at the awards ceremony.

Players and supporters of 6JMS Mafia pose for a photo after getting the Masters Division championship trophies in the Bud Light Cup.

6JMS Terminators players gather for group photo after taking the A Division championship trophies in the regular season.

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ALL OUT FOR MARIANAS CUP

Teen Ayuyus give back

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More than the competition, the CNMI U17 Men's National Team considers the 2018 Marianas Cup as a way to give back to the people who are rallying behind the squad.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The CNMI's Kaden Church, left, kicks the ball, while a Chelsea FC Soccer School Hong Kong player tries to deflect it during their game in the Inaugural Tuloy XO Cup in the Philippines last August.

"We are taking this opportunity to return the favor to our supporters by showing our best football and making them proud. They've been always supportive of us so I would like to ask them to come and watch our match," CNMI head coach Michiteru Mita told *Saipan Tribune*.

Mita's wards will facing the Guam U17 Men's National Team in the 7pm match in the Marianas Cup this Sunday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville. When they duel Guam, the Teen Ayuyus coach will be relying on the

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Armatech, MJD take win No. 2

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Armatech and MJD made it two in a row after downing their respective opponents in the IT&E Emon Masonic Lodge No. 179 Mixed Masters Brotherhood Basketball League last Monday at the Koblerville Gymnasium.

In the curtain-raiser, Armatech prevailed against Kensington Hotel, 53-50, while in the second match, MJD defeated Imperial Pacific, 75-58. With their 2-0 records, MJD and Armatech now join Islander on top of the team standings in the 10-squad field, while Imperial Pacific is at the bottom with its 0-3 mark, and Kensington fell to a 1-1 slate.

MJD engaged Imperial

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Armatech's Alex Lauron drives baseline against a Pacific Postal Plus defender during the opening game in the IT&E Emon Lodge caging late last month at the Koblerville Gymnasium. Armatech won and also prevailed against Kensington Hotel last Monday.

Boxing bouts to kick off ROP 24

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Three boxing matches will serve as teasers in Rites of Passage 24: Ragin' Rumble that will be held on Oct. 26 at the Marianas Business Plaza parking lot.

The first fists match will feature Trench Tech's Wildon "The Beast" Camacho and Steel Athletics' (Guam) Steve Kassala. For the second bout, Guam Muay Thai's Jerreck Bagay will take on independent fighter Dion Borja. The last boxing duel in ROP 24 will be another Saipan versus Guam showdown, as Team Rage's Nate Nogils challenges Steel Athletics' Nikko Pascual.

Besides the three boxing bouts, this month's ROP 24 will have two main events, eight mixed martial arts preliminary matches, three kick-

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Independent Fight Club's JBoy Langu, left, taunts Manny "The Kid" Camacho of Zombie MMA during their bout in the Rites of Passage 22: Rampage held last year at the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe. Camacho will return to the octagon cage this month when he takes on Ko "PakPak" Palacios in ROP 24: Ragin' Rumble.